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Fort Almanac—Dec. 12.

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The Weather.

U. S. DEP'T OF AGRICULTURE, WEATHER BUREAU, WILMINGTON, N. C., Dec. 11.

Temperature, 8 a. m., 55°; 8 p. m., 60°; maximum, 70°; minimum, 54°; mean, 63°. Rainfall for the day, .83; rainfall since 1st of month up to date, 1.03.

WEATHER CONDITIONS.

The high barometer area continued over the South Atlantic coast. The storm area is central over the lower lakes. Another high area covers the West and Southwest. Cloudiness and showers prevail under the low area, south to the East Gulf. Mostly fair, colder weather prevails over the western sections. Snow is falling over Lake Superior and Minnesota. Heavy rain occurred during the twenty-four hours, at New Orleans 1.20 and Mobile 1.86 inches.

Forecast for Sunday—Local showers and partly cloudy weather; slightly cooler; southerly winds, shifting to westerly.

OUTLINES.

The Hawaiian annexation question will be considered in executive session of the Senate; Japan's attitude involves some delicate questions which it is thought not advisable to make public. —— Miller won the race in the six days' contest at Madison Square Garden; score 2 093 miles, 4 laps; Rice was second, 3,036 miles, 5 laps. —— Russia, it is said, will not tolerate permanent occupation of Kiao-Chou bay by Germany; Japan will not object; reports that Germany will evacuate, a Berlin dispatch says, are unfounded, and that the matter is practically settled. —— Havana advices report a number of skirmishes between the insurgents and Spanish forces in Cuba with insignificant losses on both sides. —— Republican Representatives in Congress met last night to devise means for securing a change in the civil service law; a committee was appointed to devise a plan of action. —— The report that an attempt was recently made upon the life of the Sultan of Turkey is officially denied. —— Delilah Falles, who confessed to the murder of Kern, at Waverly, Iowa, sentenced to 20 years in the penitentiary. —— Mrs. McKinley was alive at 10 15 last night, but it was thought she would die before morning. —— Mark Hanna is better. —— A brutal outrage by a negro is reported from Hannibal, Mo. —— Fire in Philadelphia last night caused losses amounting to over half a million dollars —— New York markets: Money on call easy nominal at 1½@3 per cent.; cotton quiet, middling 5⅞; flour was dull, but nominally steady; wheat—spot weak, No. 2 red 93½ f. o. b. afloat; corn—spot steady, No. 2 [illegible] c. i. f. o. b. afloat; rosin steady, strained common to good $1 40@1 45; spirits turpentine steady at 33¾@33½c.

Kansas is suffering from a water famine. This may excite some remark, but little sympathy in Kentucky.

The St. Louis man who bequeathed $40,000 for a stone gate for Brown University was taking a swing at posthumous fame.

Martin Thorn feels sure that the next world is better than this. The probabilities are that he will find it considerably warmer, anyway.

China has surrendered unconditionally to Kaiser William's demands. China would surrender unconditionally to a brass band and a drum major.

It is said that only eight out of every one hundred Russians can read or write. But it isn't an easy thing to read or write the Russian language.

It is said that lots of foolish women are writing letters of sympathy to Martin Thorn, but it is sympathy wasted, as the letters never reach him.

China tumbled to all the demands of Germany and agreed to fork over a million taels. When Chinamen get into a tight place they have a habit of showing their tails.

A correspondent of the New York *Herald* advises people who propose going to Klondike to take some claims with them, for when they get there they will find all the good claims taken up.

The Philadelphia *Record* is in the lead with its almanac for 1898, and it is in the lead as an almanac, too, full of interesting and valuable information, well condensed and conveniently arranged.

Our consuls in Germany report that most of the beet sugar factories in that country are run on the co-operative plan, and that in the 399 factories now in operation most of the stock is held by beet growers.

To guard against contingencies George W. Vanderbilt has had his life insured for $1,000,000, the annual premium on which will be $35,000. This is more insurance than any editor in the country carries.

The Legislature of Georgia has passed a law requiring that when millers mix corn with wheat flour, they must so mark it. There is no particular harm in the mixing, but they should acknowledge the corn.

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A Chicago woman has been arrested in New York on the charge of chloroforming and robbing her husband. Served her right. Most women would have been content to wait until he went to sleep and then gone through his clothes in the usual way.

The Camden, N. J., police have been requested to desist from leaving their beats to go to bed. The inference from this is that the Camden police are inexperienced and have not yet mastered the art of sleeping on their beats.

Luetgert, of Chicago, of vat fame, has taken the public so far into his confidence as to confess that he is short on funds and ask them to take up a collection to help him defray the expenses of his court sceances.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

D. O'CONNOR—For rent.
WIL. ST'P WORKS—Seals.
HAMME—Latest style hats.
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SAM'L BEAR, SR.—Just received.
S. W. SANDERS—Postum cereal.
A. D. BROWN—A few specialties.
F. H. STEDMAN—Money to lend.
VOLLERS & HASHAGEN—Cigars.
MYERS & LEWIS—Xmas novelties.
WORTH & WORTH—Fine seed oats.
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WIL. BREW'G ASSO'N—Ice 40c per 100.
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NEW BUSINESS LOCALS.

DOG LOST—Reward.
FOR SALE—Peerless bicycle.
P. H. HAYDEN—Dog carts, harness.

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS

Pertinent Paragraphs Pertaining Principally to People and Pointedly Printed.

— Mr. C. F. Bell is seriously sick.

— Col. H. M. Drane, of Armour, is in the city.

— Dr. Lucas and son, of White Hall, were in the city yesterday.

— W. H. Pope, Esq., of Fayetteville, arrived in the city yesterday.

— Capt. J. H. Sloan, the well known cotton exporter, was here yesterday.

— Mr. J. A. McIver, of Jacksonville, was among yesterday's hotel registrations.

— Mr. R. E. Butts, Sr., of Holly Ridge, was here yesterday making business calls.

— Mr. W. C. Peterson, of the firm of Peterson & Ralf, who has been very sick, was some better yesterday.

— Among the visitors in the city yesterday were F. M. Foy, Scott's Hill; J. A. King, Annandale; W. A. Brown, Rocky Point.

— Newbern *Journal* of the 11th: Mrs. F. A. Bishop left on the W. & N. train yesterday morning for Wilmington, where she will spend a few days before going to Fayetteville.

Fined Twenty Dollars and Costs.

Son McDuffie, the negro man who while riding a bicycle in a reckless manner Friday afternoon ran into Miss Maude Nixon, of Raleigh, while she and Miss Ruth Harriss, of this city, were crossing the street at the intersection of Ninth and Market, and who was later arrested and placed in jail by Deputy Sheriff Flynn, yesterday afternoon in Justice Bunting's court submitted to a charge of assault and battery, which submission the court and the prosecutor agreed to. A fine of $20 and costs was imposed upon McDuffie.

Mortuary Report.

The records in the office of Dr. W. D. McMillan, Superintendent of Health, show that during the past week there were nine deaths, three whites and six colored, and eighteen births, twelve whites and six colored.

Deaths during the past week were caused by the following diseases, viz: Convulsions, 1; pneumonia, 1; diarrhœa, 1; heart disease, 1; premature birth, 1; accident, 1; paralysis, 1; continued fever, 1; unknown, 1.

One Cent a Word.

Hereafter advertisements to go in our Business Locals" department will be charged one cent per word for each insertion; but no advertisement, however short, will be taken for less than 20 cent This is a reduction from former rates and it is also a convenience to advertisers who can calcute the exact cost of their advertisements, which must be paid for always in advance.

LOCAL DOTS.

Items of Interest Gathered Here and There and Briefly Noted.

— Mr. O. J. Carroll, U. S. Marshal for this District, has resigned.

— Register of Deeds Norwood issued marriage licenses the past week to one colored and three white couples.

— A. G. Ricaud, Esq., assignee, announces that the sale of fine clothing, hats and furnishings at cost is still going on.

— There will be no services at Southside Baptist church to day, the pastor being absent at the Baptist State Convention.

— A meeting of the Daughters of the Confederacy will be held Wednesday afternoon at the Wilmington Light Infantry armory.

— Messrs. Alex. Sprunt & Son on yesterday cleared the British steamer *Tyrnkby*, Capt. McCarthy, for Bremen, Germany, with a cargo of 8,865 bales of cotton, valued at $359 630.

— Lieutenant Francis Winslow, well known as having been prominently connected with the North Carolina Battalion of Naval Reserves, has gone to Nicaragua, where he will act as disbursing officer for the United States Government.

— The case against Willie Wilkinson and Joe Johnson, the two negro boys charged with breaking into and robbing the boot and shoe repair shop of Mr. John Baker, is set for trial tomorrow morning at 10 o'clock before Justice Bunting.

— The fame of East Carolina as a promising field for fruit and truck growers is getting more and more widely spread. There was a party of people here yesterday from bleak Winnepeg on their way to join the Sunny South colony at Chadbourn.

— Messrs. Myers & Lewis announce in the STAR this morning that they have an extra large stock of Christmas novelties and toys on hand. They have recently removed to the northeast corner of Front and Market streets and carry a large and complete stock.

— The half-tone portrait of the late Dr. Armand J. DeRosset, printed in the STAR of Friday, elicited much favorable comment. It was a faithful likeness of Dr. DeRosset as he appeared in health. A few copies of the extra number printed of the Friday edition may still be had at the STAR office.

POSTMASTER OF WILMINGTON.

The Pot Is Boiling—The Fight Between French and Albright.

A Washington special to the Charlotte *Observer* says:

"A Wilmington delegation, headed by Col. David B Sutton, is here in the interest of John S. Albright's appointment as postmaster at Wilmington. The term of the present incumbent expired December 1st. The impression is that Albright will be appointed."

Ah! "Col." David Sutton! This is none other than our own Swordsman Sutton; and, in addition to his usual armament, he is no doubt provided with a battle-axe of ponderous proportions. His burnished steel is Albright, of course; but can it be possible that he hopes to vanquish our valiant neighbor-in-law Gee Zee? Perish the thought. Gee Zee is "terrible as an army with banners." He is backed by the Hon. Demosthenes Lycurgus Russell and the Hon. Marion Rocky Mount Butler. And if the Hon. Jupiter Coriolanus Pritchard and the Hon. D. Lycurgus can "get together" Gee Zee will have the "whole fix." Just "watch the professor." He'll deal his opponents a fair hand; but when it comes to a jackpot Gee Zee will show down on three aces and a king.

BY RIVER AND RAIL.

Receipts of Naval Stores and Cotton Yesterday.

Wilmington & Weldon R. R.—1,444 bales cotton, 4 casks spirits turpentine, 6 bbls rosin, 54 bbls tar.

Wilmington, Columbia & Augusta R. R.—1,804 bales cotton, 35 casks spirits turpentine, 215 bbls rosin, 108 bbls tar, 35 bbls crude turpentine.

Carolina Central R. R.—277 bales cotton, 4 casks spirits turpentine, 90 bbls rosin, 2 bbls tar, 68 bbls crude turpentine.

Cape Fear & Yadkin Valley R. R.—833 bales cotton, 58 casks spirits turpentine, 89 bbls rosin, 88 bbls tar.

Steamer A. P. Hart—53 bales cotton, 27 casks spirits turpentine, 228 bbls rosin, 95 bbls tar.

Schooner Minnie Ward—13 casks spirits turpentine, 95 bbls rosin, 40 bbls tar.

Schooner Gold Leaf—48 bbls crude turpentine.

Total receipts—Cotton, 3,903 bales; spirits turpentine, 141 casks; rosin, 678 bbls; tar, 383 bbls; crude turpentine, 151 bbls.

Magistrates' Courts.

Smith Donaldson, colored, was arraigned in Justice Bunting's court yesterday charged with assault with a deadly weapon and was placed under $50 bond (which he gave) for his appearance at the next term of the Criminal Court.

James Nichols and Mary Nichols (both colored), the former charged with resisting an officer and the latter with disorderly conduct, were also arraigned before the same magistrate, but both presented affidavits of removal and the cases were transferred to Justice Fowler, in whose court they were tried later, but decisions in both cases were reserved until to-morrow at noon.

We have just received twenty dozen pairs of the celebrated Dattenhofer Ladies' Fine Shoes, button or lace; various toes. Would be glad to show them to every lady in the city. Prices uniform—$3 00 $3 50 and $5 00. Mercer & Evans, 118 Princess street. †

THE LATE DR. A. J. DE ROSSET.

Impressive Funeral Services at St. James' Church—Interment at Oakdale Cemetery.

The funeral of the late Dr. Armand J. DeRosset took place yesterday morning at 11 o'clock from St. James' church, which he had served so long and so faithfully. The church was well filled with relatives of the deceased and friends and acquaintances of the family.

It was just eleven o'clock when the Rector, Rev. Robert Strange, D. D., followed by the full surpliced choir of St. James' church, proceeded from the choir room and met the funeral procession at the door, preceding it as it moved to the altar. Dr. Strange was assisted by Revs. Edward Wooten and G. M. Tolson, the former reading the usual selections and the latter reading the lesson for the burial of the dead.

The first hymn, rendered by the choir, with Mr. E. H. Munson as organist, was "The Saints of God! Their Conflict Past, And Life's Long Battle Won at Last." It was read in full by the Rector with a great deal of feeling and the eminent appropriateness of the selection could not but be felt by all.

The concluding hymn began "O Mother Dear, Jerusalem, When Shall I Come to Thee?' While singing this the choir proceeded to the front of the church, where it opened ranks for the procession to pass through, afterwards marching back to the choir in reversed order.

The honorary pall bearers were W. G. Elliott, W. A. Riach, R. J. Jones, Jas. H. Chadbourn, E. S. Martin, James Sprunt, Judge O. P. Meares and Col. Jas. G. Burr. The following served as active pall bearers: Jas. F. Post, Jr., M. S. Willard, D. H. Lippitt, R. D. Cronly, T. C. James, Dr. W. E. Storm, R. R. Bellamy and Hugh McRae.

The Produce Exchange and the Vestry of St. James' Church attended the funeral in a body. The A. C. L. offices and the Produce Exchange were closed from 10 a. m. till 12 m. as a mark of respect to the deceased and to allow the officers and employes to attend the funeral.

The interment was made at Oakdale Cemetery, where unfortunately a heavy rain came up before the services were finally concluded. There was a hymn and the committal, read by Dr. Strange. The floral designs were numerous and beautiful.

Religious Ex rcises at Mrs. Andrew Blair's Residence.

At some religious exercises recently at the residence of Mrs. Andrew Blair, 615 South Fifth street, the following boys and girls participated: Tuttle Wilson, Walter Blair, Garrison Farrow, Oscar King, Rob Montgomery, Bennie Montgomery, Rufus Hodges and Andrew Blair, Isabel Newton, Mamie Blair, Rowena Swann, Mary Smith, Annie Smith, Julia Burnett, Fannie Frost and Gussie Casteen. Rev. W. L. Cunninggim, pastor of the Fifth Street M. E. church, was present and led in the prayer which followed the opening hymn. All the participants did very well, particularly Tuttle Wilson, a little lad of five years. Master Oscar King presided at the piano quite creditably. Mrs. Blair, who had the entire management of the affair, was congratulated upon the way she had trained the little ones who took part.

Northward Bound.

Mr. Geo. Z French left last night with his eye fixed on the North Star. He may have gone to Rocky Point, where his strawberries bloom in the early Spring and his lime-kilns burn both early and late. But there is a suspicion abroad in the land that he is hurrying to Washington to meet the legions of Swordsman Sutton in battle array. There was fire in his eye as he strode sturdily towards the train, and the wires will soon be burdened with the details of a fierce conflict.

Cape Fear and Yadkin Bonds.

The Baltimore *Sun* of yesterday in its financial review says: "Prices were about steady, the Cape Fear and Yadkin Valley A's being the only issue to show any marked advance. These sold up to 80, a gain of 11 per cent. over previous day and the bonds were sparingly offered at the sharp rise. The C issues of this road brought 55, while the B's, which opened at 55, reacted to 51 on fairly liberal offerings, with a final recovery to 51¾."

It Must Be Stopped.

It goes without saying that something must be done to prevent pedestrians from being run down and maimed or killed by the carelessness of negro wheelmen. If, as appears, the bicycle ordinance permits a speed of eight miles per hour the maximum should be reduced—certainly on the principal streets. Scorchers should be required to cut their antics on the turnpike, or elsewhere outside the city limits.

Dr. DeRosset's Life and Character.

At the morning service of St. James' Episcopal church this morning the Rector, Rev. Robert Strange, D. D., will speak on "The Life and Character of the Late Dr. Armand J. DeRosset." There will doubtless be a large attendance, for many will be eager to hear the meed of praise which the gifted Rector of St. James will bestow upon the great man whose influence has been felt by so many in this community.

Wanderers' Reunion.

The STAR acknowledges the receipt of an invitation to attend the "Wanderers' Reunion," to be held at Southern Pines on the 23d inst. In his note extending the invitation, General Agent Meares says: "Some sort of special entertainment is to be provided for newspapers (possibly the roasting of some delinquent subscriber), which you should be on hand to enjoy." Well, we'll go, provided we are permitted to furnish the subject for the roast.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.

Special Meeting—Action Taken in Respect to the Late Dr. Armand J. DeRosset.

The Chamber of Commerce met in special session yesterday afternoon at 3 30 o'clock, to take suitable action over the death of Dr. A. J. DeRosset, one of the charter members of that body. Col. Walker Taylor, first vice president, presided, in the absence of President Jas. H. Chadbourn, Jr., with Col. Jno. L. Cantwell secretary.

Col. Taylor, in calling the meeting to order, expressed beautifully its object, and stated that a committee—Col. Jas. G. Burr, Col. F. W. Kerchner and Mr. Geo. Harriss—had been appointed to draft suitable resolutions to be inscribed as a record of the Chamber, and he then inquired if the committee was ready to report.

Col. F. W. Kerchner arose and presented the following resolutions, which were read in a touching manner by Col. Cantwell, viz:

This community as well as the entire State have lost in Dr. A. J. DeRosset, one of its most useful and valued citizens, one who was pre-eminent among the best in every characteristics, that dignifies good citizenship. Not even the language of bereavement can easily exaggerate his claims upon private affection and public regard and respect. He had in the highest degree all the instincts which set men right and make them true, and all the courage and conscience and unselfishness which keep them so. His sense of duty in every relation was so blended with an active sense of the obligation to discharge it that no temptation could swerve and no sacrifice could hinder him. With all the kindly and gentle gifts which make men loved by those about them, he united the sternest and most stalwart of the qualities on which communities may lean in times of crisis or of peril. Only those who have seen him tried could realize how largely the elements of leadership were mingled with the simple and tender traits of his quiet and modest life. The people among whom he lived so long, and of whom he deserved so well, will doubtless do larger justice to his memory. It is only for us, his associates and friends, at this meeting—many of them his life-long companions—to bear sorrowful witness to their personal loss and their painful incapacity to measure it.

JAS. G. BURR.
F. W. KERCHNER.
GEO. HARRISS.

Col. Taylor then stated that the meeting would be glad to hear from any of the members present.

Col. Jas. G. Burr arose and in a feeling manner spoke of the high character of Dr. DeRosset, who, he said, he had known intimately for more than sixty years, and of the many people in the different walks of life who had loved and respected Dr. DeRosset.

Mr. W. M. Cumming spoke, as he said, as one of the young men, about the great influence the character of Dr. DeRosset had had and would have over the present and coming generation of young men, and about the heritage the city had in the recollection of the characters of Dr. DeRosset, Dr. W. G. Thomas, Dr. T. F. Wood, Mr. David G. Worth, Mr. Geo. Chadbourn, Mr. John S. James, Mr. N. N. Nixon and Mr. Zebulon Latimer, all deceased. Mr. Cumming also cited several instances illustrating Dr. DeRosset's high sense of honesty and right.

Rev. P. H. Hoge, D. D., paid a high tribute to Dr. DeRosset's character, and said that he spoke for one who had passed away, Mr. David G. Worth. Dr. Hoge stated that a few weeks before Mr. Worth's death he (Mr. Worth) had remarked to him that he thought Dr. DeRosset was the best man he ever knew, and had then, continuing, highly eulogized Dr. DeRosset.

Mr. M. S. Willard spoke about Dr. DeRosset's high character both in and out of business, and cited several instances that showed Dr. DeRosset's and Mr. David G. Worth's high, honest dealings in business.

Mr. N. Jacobi, as one who had known Dr. DeRosset, spoke also about the life and character of Dr. DeRosset.

Col. Kerchner then arose and moved the adoption of the resolutions as presented by the committee. The motion was duly seconded and the resolutions were adopted by a unanimous rising vote.

The meeting then adjourned.

Charged with Highway Robbery.

Yesterday morning Deputy Sheriff Flynn arrested a negro boy, "Cotton Eye," alias Lavender, charged with highway robbery.

Mr. John W. Plummer, Jr., who keeps a store on Princess street between Front and Second, has in his employ a small colored boy thirteen years old, David Bradford, and late Friday afternoon he sent the boy after his (Plummer's) supper Bradford went to Mr. Plummer's residence, on Princess street, between Eighth and Ninth, and, after obtaining the supper, nicely placed in a basket, started back to the store. When he arrived at the corner of Sixth and Princess streets four half-grown negro boys came up and commenced to plague and follow him. At the next corner three of the boys seized Bradford and the fourth, who Bradford says he recognized as Lavender, wrested the basket containing the supper out of his hands, and the boys then ran off, carrying the basket and contents. Lavender will be tried in Justice Bunting's court to-morrow morning at 10 o'clock.

Southport Naval Reserves Elect Officers.

At a meeting of the Southport Division of Naval Reserves held Friday night, officers were elected as follows:

Mark Ferguson, Captain; Percy Canaday, First Lieutenant; Fred. Dosher, Second Lieutenant.

The meeting was well attended and 41 men signed for membership. Mr. Guy C. Wiswell was chairman of the meeting and Mr. John Weigman, secretary.

If there is anything you want, advertise for it. Is there anything you don't want? Advertise it in the Business Locals of the STAR. One cent a word. But no ad. taken for less than 20 cents. tf

LAST NIGHT'S FIRE.

A Two-Story Frame Dwelling on Dawson Street Burned—Loss Covered by Insurance—Firemen Did Good Work.

Last night was a decidedly disagreeable time for a fire, unless in a stove or a fireplace, but destiny could not postpone an event of this kind on account of the inclement weather, and so at 10 30 o'clock an alarm sounded from box 52, Seventh and Queen streets, and the department was soon on its way to the fire, the truck of Hook and Ladder Company No. 1 leaving its house as the fire bell commenced to ring the number of the box the second time, although all the firemen, except one man who was on watch, were fast asleep in their respective beds. The fire was located in a one-story frame dwelling on Dawson street between Seventh and Eighth, and the house was one mass of flames when the department reached the scene, and offered the new department the first chance yet afforded to show their worth, though many difficulties were presented, among which was the nearest hydrant being three blocks away. Chief Haney, although the building was wrapped in flames and the smoke decidedly dense in and about it, did not hesitate a moment, but ordered the firemen to enter the building, and then, nozzle in hand, led the way, followed unhesitatingly by the firemen; and as the fire was on the inside of the building the firemen were commanded to fight it from the inside, and in a remarkable short elapse of time had the fire under perfect control, owing to Chief Haney's cool judgment and faithful performance of duty by the men, who never for one instance questioned whether an order was right or wrong, but obeyed every command.

After the fire had been entirely put out the hook and ladder boys took brooms and shovels, which are carried on the truck, and cleared out all the debris inside the house. Of course, the house was badly damaged, although the framework is standing intact. Generally when a fire similar to this occurs in one of the remote districts of the city it means a loss of anywhere from three to six houses.

The house was owned by policeman George Bell, colored, and was occupied by W. H. James and family, colored. Nearly all the contents of the house were saved. To a defective flue the fire is attributed. The alarm was sent in by Mr. Jesse Brown. The damage to the house was covered by insurance.

THE FIRE DEPARTMENT.

New Equipments Received and Put in Service—The Firemen Practicing on the Sliding-Poles.

Chief of Fire Department Chas. Schnibben did not return from Atlanta yesterday, as expected, but will probably arrive to-day.

The four shut-off nozzles and flexible pipes, Callahan-make, which Mayor Wright ordered on the 3rd instant from the fire department supply house of F. H. Hayward & Co., New York city, (as told at the time in the STAR), arrived yesterday, and were examined by Chief Haney and pronounced all right. At the same time the nozzles were ordered a chemical engine, a two-horse hose wagon and two thousand feet of hose were ordered. The hose is expected to arrive during the latter part of this week and the engine about Christmas, but the wagon not before the early part of February.

The brass sliding poles were placed permanently in position in the house of Hook and Ladder Company No. 1 yesterday, and poles will be placed in the other houses to-morrow.

Last night a STAR reporter dropped into the Hook and Ladder house to have a social chat with Chief Haney and his men, and during his visit was induced to slide down one of the poles, which feat Chief Haney says he accomplished very gracefully (?) The fire lads have mastered the art of pole-sliding already, and hardly touch the pole at the top before they are at the bottom ready to respond to an alarm.

Foreman Monroe says after to-morrow visitors will be welcomed at the house and shown around, between the hours of 3 and 5 o'clock in the afternoon.

The boys at the truck house say that Fireman Peterson simply "scorches" down the sliding poles, although Fireman Wannamaker says that he is confident that he (Wannamaker) is the "quickest kid dat ever tackles de pole."

Destructive Fire at Mount Airy.

News reached the city last night of a destructive conflagration that took place in Mount Airy yesterday. The fire, which is thought to be of incendiary origin, is reported as having started in the livery stable of Messrs. R. D. Harriss & Bro. shortly after 1 o'clock yesterday morning and then quickly communicated to buildings close by, until nearly a block of buildings was on fire. The loss is said to be estimated in the neighborhood of $5 000.

Meeting at Brooklyn Baptist Church Closes To-night.

The last service of the series of meetings which have been in progress at Brooklyn Baptist Church will be held to-night, when the pastor, Rev. J. W. Kramer, will preach a sermon on "The Eternal Name of Christ." Mr. Kramer will also preach this morning. Dr. Bruner, who has so ably assisted in the meeting, left for Baltimore yesterday morning.

Attempt at House-breaking.

Yesterday morning between the hours of 2 and 3 o'clock, some one attempted to break into the residence of Mr. A. J. Hewlett, on Ann street, between Fifth and Sixth, but was discovered by Mr. Hewlett's mother while attempting to open the blinds of a window of the house. Mrs. Hewlett at once called to her son and the bold would-be burglar hastily beat a retreat.

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SUNDAY SERVICES.

Services in St. John's church to-day by the rector at 11 a. m. and 4 30 p. m. Sunday school at 3 30 p. m.

Services in the reading room of the Seamen's Home to-day at 3 p. m., conducted by Rev. Dr. Carmichael. All marine men are cordially invited.

Owing to the absence of the pastor, Rev. G. D. Bernheim preaching at Newbern, there will be no services this day in St. Matthew's English Lutheran church. Sunday school at 9.30 a. m.

St. James', third Sunday in Advent. Divine service at 7 45 a. m., 11 a. m. and 8 p. m. Sunday school at 3 45 p. m. Public cordially invited.

There will be no services in the First Baptist church this morning; but there will be a prayer meeting in the Lecture Room, at 11 a. m., conducted by Mr. Jones.

St. Thomas' Catholic Church: First Mass and Holy Communion, 7 a. m.; Last Mass, sermon, 10 30 a. m.; Vespers' sermon, Romans x, 7 45 p. m.

Services at St. Paul's Episcopal church to day, morning and night, will be conducted by Rev. Edwin Wooten.

St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran church, corner of Market and Sixth streets, Rev. K. Boldt pastor. German service and Holy Communion at 11 a. m.; English service and Holy Communion at 7 30 p. m. Sunday School at 3 30 p. m. All seats free.

Chapel of the Good Shepherd, Geo. M. Tolson, minister in charge.—11 a. m., Morning Prayer, Litany, Ante-Communion, Sermon; 7 30 p. m., Evening Prayer and service; 8 p. m., Sunday school; 8 p m, Monday, Brotherhood of St. Andrew; 7 30 p. m., Tuesday, Boys Brigade. Seats free and the public cordially invited to all the services Sunday

LIST OF LETTERS

Remaining in the Wilmington postoffice December 11th, 1897:

LADIES' LIST.

Mrs Hattie Barrier, Miss Blanche M C——, Miss H C Cingleton, Miss Meranda Harris, Mrs Dr Hill, Mrs Emma Jones, Mrs L Jenkins, Mrs J F King, Miss Annie Mallet, Mrs Eliza Reval, Miss Roxannoe Reid, Miss Lena Sessoms, Miss Diney Swams, Miss Eloise Taylor.

MEN'S LIST.

John Ball, Henry Beaman, Domenicangelo Capra, City Bill Poster, J A Clark, W I A Carder, W B Carhart (3), Thomas Daniel, Thos W Davis, L P Edge, Ivy Foreman, Wesley Fort, John Hay, A E Hasbrook, H T Johnson, Mr and Mrs W A King, W A King, M C Kirchman, F J Lannant, Geo B McClellan, Richard Mayers, Oliver Plow Co. Robert Otto, G G Pickett, J Riddy, T H Robbins, Giovanni Sieglidis, Robert Spicer, C C Smith, Joseph Spicer, Karl Starkenberg, R L Thorp Louis Thorson, Wilmington Fire Arms Co, Alex Wilson, —— Westcott, John Williams.

RETURNED FROM DEAD LETTER OFFICE.

John Kelly, George Lowrie, J J Perry.

Persons calling for above letters will please say advertised. If not called for in fifteen days, they will be sent to the dead letter office.

GEO. L. MORTON, Postmaster.

Foot Ball Christmas.

Hard practice from now on will alone determine the outcome of the great foot ball game to be played here Christmas between the A. C. L and the O. A. N. teams. Both teams have been materially strengthened since the game Thanksgiving Day. Among the A. C. L. additions are John Moore, of Wilson, whose reputation is widely known, and Prof. Clayton, Dr. Blue Mountain Joe's strong man.

Members of the A. C. L. team are requested to meet at the postoffice to-morrow night at 8 o'clock and proceed to some suitable practicing grounds.

OPERA ABEN ALI.

The Ministering Circle of the King's Daughters have arranged with Prof. A. L. Baker, of Chicago, for the production of the opera "Aben Ali," to be given January 27th, 28th and 29th, for the benefit of the "Shelter of the Silver Cross." The talent will be entirely local, and every effort will be put forth to make this entertainment a great success. The Professor will reach Wilmington immediately after the holidays, to begin the work of training our young people for the opera. There are many in our city who will doubtless remember this gentleman as a kindly and genial instructor, and will welcome his return here with pleasure.

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—OF—
FINE CLOTHING, HATS
AND FURNISHINGS.
Stock of S. H. Fishblate at Cost.
A. G. RICAUD,
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TURKEYS.
A lot of fine ones just in. Dressed ones on sale Saturday morning, live ones now, and also then.
Ask the price and give your order to-day.
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B. F. KING, Manager,
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BUT NO REDUCTION IN SIZE OF PAPER, OR IN QUANTITY OR QUALITY OF READING MATTER.

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giving us an order for poultry and meats after you have seen the cleanliness and order noticeable about our establishment and witnessed the care with which everything is handled. Just now we are receiving fresh daily poultry, game, country fed pork, sausages of the best manufacture (our own)—besides of course beef, mutton, hams and bacon.

I. B. RHODES,
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Vollers & Hashagen,
Agents for Armour & Company, Chicago, Packers. Product sold on market prices of the day. You therefore buy on Rock Bottom—no middle profit.
We respectfully ask your orders.

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Also agents for Powell, Smith & Company, New York.

We Sell "Renown" Cigars,
Cuban Cigars,
Smokettes,
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The Cigars Notoriously Best on the market, and smokers these days demand value for
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nov 28 tf

A CARD.
NOVEMBER 2ND, 1897.
MESSRS. MERCER & EVANS, City.
GENTS:—I am more than pleased with the Nice Watch given me by your enterprising firm. I find it to be an excellent time keeper. Besides being well pleased with your nice and valuable present, I am well satisfied with the SHOES I have bought from you for myself and friends, and I cheerfully recommend you to my friends and the public in general, especially to those needing and intending to buy anything in your line.
Yours very truly,
(Signed) W. J. MERRIDITH.
On Monday, January 31, 1898, we will open the box and count up. The person having brought us the greatest amount of trade in dollars and cents, will have the first choice of the THREE NICE PRESENTS, (a real Leather Dressing Case, 24x18½ inches; a Fine Pair of Opera Glasses, and a Nice Gold-plated Watch), the next highest the next choice, and the third will get "Hobson's Choice."
OUR STOCK, we assert, is now the Newest, Cleanest and Best we ever had. Our trade is good and we thank our friends. Respectfully,
MERCER & EVANS.
dec 10 tf

Frank H. Stedman,
WILMINGTON, N. C.
Fire and Tornado Insurance.
Your business is solicited and
Satisfaction Guaranteed.
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400 Bags Peanuts.
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W. B. COOPER,
Wholesale Grocer,
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FOR RENT.

STORE ON MARKET BETWEEN Front and Water.
Store on South Water street, between Market and Dock.
Store on North Water street between Princess and Chestnut.
Apply to
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Schedule on Wilmington Seacoast R. R
ON AND AFTER SEPT. 27th TRAINS WILL run as follows:
DAILY EXCEPT SUNDAY.
Leave Wilmington at 3.30 p. m., 6.30 p. m
Leave Ocean View at 8.00 a. m., and 5.00 p. m.
SUNDAY TRAINS.
Leave Wilmington at 3.30 p. m. and 6.00 p. m.
Leave Ocean View at 8.00 p. m.
R. OSCAR GRANT,
Superintendent.
sep 28 tf

The Morning Star.

By WILLIAM H. BERNARD.

WILMINGTON, N. C.

SUNDAY MORNING, DEC. 12, 1897

PLATFORM HUMBUG.

The Republican party has always been the great bunco party of this country. Its platforms are built on the bunco plan. The last was a fine illustration of this. Its three leading declarations its representatives in Washington have completely ignored.

It buncoed the people on the financial question by pledging the party if successful to use its best efforts to bring about international agreement whereby we might have the free and unlimited coinage of silver. They had no idea of carrying that out in good faith, for the Eastern Republicans are in favor of the gold standard, and do not want the free coinage of silver or any other coinage save of subsidiary coins. They made a pretence of carrying it out by sending a commission to Europe ostensibly to endeavor to get the leading European Governments to come into a conference with us to arrange as to the matter of the ratio when they felt sure that those nations, with the exception of France, would do nothing of the kind, just as it has panned out, the commission having failed to meet with any encouragement in any country save France, that is official encouragement, tor there is more or less of a bimetallic sentiment in all of them.

It seems that the commissioners in their official capacity made certain agreements with the representatives of France as to the ratio, and now the gold standard men in Congress are asking by what authority they did this, and propose to find out if they can who authorized them to make any definite propositions, or to do more than feel the European pulse and report how it beat. They didn't propose to have this country committed to anything by that perambulating commission.

But what has Mr. McKinley or his party done since this commission fizzled out to show that they were in earnest in that pledge? Has Mr. McKinley endeavored to open a correspondence with any European nation to see whether there was any hope of a joint movement for the purpose stated in that pledge? He has contented himself with expressing the hope in his message that this may yet be accomplished, and with congratulating Congress that the willingness of France to co operate "gives assurance that we are not alone" in the desire to see this question adjusted by international agreement. And this is what he will perhaps regard as keeping faith with the silver Republicans who on the strength of that pledge voted for him for President. His commission was a fraud, sent abroad without power to do anything, and yet he and his party content themselves with the failure of that commission and have no further steps to take nor propositions to offer. A clear case of bunco.

There was no reference made in that platform indicating a purpose to retire any part of the Government notes in circulation, but Mr. McKinley has permitted himself to be persuaded by his Secretary of the Treasury and other gold standard men to recommend the impounding of the greenbacks which come into the Treasury in exchange for gold. They didn't dare to hint at that in their platform for they knew what the response would be from the polls. This is another clear case of bunco.

But perhaps it is the gold men he is buncoing this time, for he recommends that this be done when the receipts of the Government are sufficient to meet all of its requirements. When do they look for this? They are wrestling with a deficit of about $40,000,000 now and will have at the present rate of expenditures a deficit equally as large if not larger next year, and there is not the remotest prospect of a sufficiency of revenue any time during Mr. McKinley's administration without some radical changes in the Dingley tariff, and some more sources of revenue, so there is not much probability of any of the greenbacks being impounded as he recommends. This is what makes us say that perhaps it is the gold men he was buncoing.

But the Dingley tariff itself is a bunco job. During the campaign the Republican organs and stumpers howled about the "deficit producing" Wilson tariff, and talked loudly and long about the necessity of a revenue producing tariff, and about the first thing Mr. McKinley did after he took his place in the White House was to convene Congress in extra session to frame and pass a so-called revenue bill, but really a protection bill, to carry out the bargains that Mark Hanna had made before William McKinley's nomination. Instead of a revenue tariff they gave us a greater deficit producer than the Wilson tariff was, and at the same time piled the burdens on the people to pay campaign obligations contracted by Mr. McKinley's friend and manager, Mark Hanna. Another case of bunco, buncoing the people in the interest of the hustlers who helped Hanna to nominate and elect McKinley.

The platform on which Mr. McKinley was elected expressed the sympathy of the party with the Cubans who were struggling for liberty, and gave the Cubans and their friends to understand that the Republican party was in favor not only of recognizing their belligerency, but their independence, and pledged it to use its efforts with Spain to bring the war to an end on the basis of independence. They were playing for the votes of Cuban sympathisers then. How does Mr. McKinley echo these promises in his message to Congress? Not a word of sympathy or encouragement to the Cubans, but commendation of Spain for attempting to play the fake of autonomy on Cuba, which he knew cannot be played successfully, and contenting himself with simply asserting the right, as Mr. Cleveland had previously done, of intervention in certain contingencies. Another case of bunco, buncoing the Cubans and their friends in this country.

Here are three illustrations of bunco, in their principal declarations in this bunco platform.

MINOR MENTION.

Writing on wool in the *Wool Record* Mr. Edward Atkinson, of Boston, says there is no section of the United States as well adapted to sheep culture and to the production of fine wool as the Piedmont section of the South. The temperature is suited to the sheep and they are not subject to "foot rot" so common in other sections. The best wool, he says, is grown in the open air and the mild temperature of this section, the few sudden changes, or violent storms, or extremes of cold makes it unnecessary to house the sheep much and permits them to remain out most of the time. In point of economy it has the advantage, too, over sections further North, for there is good pasturage for most of the year, very little hand feeding being necessary. In 1850 there were more than 3,000,000 sheep in the South Atlantic States, against 400,000 in the Western and Southwestern States, where now most of the sheep in the country are found. There is no good reason why there shouldn't be more than 3,000,000 sheep in the South Atlantic States now, and it is a great mistake that there are not, not only on account of the value of the sheep for the wool and mutton produced, but for the aid they render in improving the lands upon which they pasture. There are only two obstacles in the way; one the all-cotton delusion, the other the prowling dog, one of which ought to be dissipated by the low price of cotton, and the other removed, if not by legislation then by the co operation of people who understand the value of sheep and want to raise them. The South should be not only the cotton section of the country, but also a great wool producing section. And the woollen manufacturing industry should grow with cotton manufacturing.

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Efforts have been made for several years to increase the demand for American corn in Europe by teaching the people over there the various ways of preparing it for food. These efforts have met with considerable success and the consequence is that our exports of corn have increased very largely. But why shouldn't some effort be made to increase the consumption of corn at home, and thus make a greater demand for it while at the same time supplying the poor with a nourishing and palatable bread, which is really better and also cheaper than wheat bread? The *American Agriculturist* says, an increase of ten cents a bushel on corn would add $200,000,000 to the value of the corn crop, and make the farmers that much better off. The increased consumption of corn might possibly somewhat decrease the demand for wheat, but it would be a small decrease compared with the increase in the consumption of corn, which would be principally among those who use small quantities of wheat flour, and that of the cheaper kinds. By increasing the consumption of corn bread and corn meal prepared in other forms, not only the farmers would be benefitted, but the people in the supply of a comparatively cheap and nutritious article of food. Taking the population of the country as a whole, there is not probably one family in five that uses corn meal in any form, and very few that use it as much as they ought to.

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Hon. Romulus Z. Linney, who represents (or misrepresents) the 8th district of this State in the U. S. House of Representatives, achieved some gallery fame and applause Friday by his humorous onslaught on the civil service, but he was in dead earnest all the same and backed up his speech with a pictorial object lesson in one of the New York comic papers, showing the Tammany Tiger with all the young tigers crowding around her fat and saucy. This is the first time, we think, the sex of the Tammany Tiger has been shown, the general impression being that it was another kind of tiger. But the public might not have caught onto this if it hadn't been for the Congressional advertisement the distinguished Mr. Linney gave the tiger. His speech was humorous and unique enough to "put the galleries in a roar," but he was in downright earnest, all the same, for he doesn't feel quite easy as to his prospects for a re-nomination, and he is taking this method to let the hustlers and the hungry in his district understand that he is with them and that he is keeping both eyes "sot" on the public crib. He knows the inspiration of the average Republican in his balliwick, and what it is that stimulates him patriotism and stirs him to action. Romulus is no slouch.

It is said that when Secretary Herbert appointed Miss Richardson to christen the Kentucky she acknowledged the compliment and reciprocated by sending him a bottle of Kentucky whiskey forty-five years old. The incredible part of this story is that a bottle of whiskey could have escaped the Kentucky colonels and survived for 45 years.

Li Hung Chang has appointed Miss Hu King Eng his family physician. Miss Eng studied in this country and has been a Christian from childhood. This shows that while Li Hung may be a believer somewhat in the "new woman" he is also liberal in his religious views.

BOOK NOTICES.

The student of political and economic questions will find much to interest him in *Gunton's Magazine* for December. Published by The Gunton Company, Union Square, New York.

The Christmas number of *The Overland Monthly* presents a fine list of contents, beautifully illustrated. The reader will find much in this magazine about the Western country, which will both interest and instruct him. Published by the Overland Company, San Francisco, Cal.

The Free Thought Magazine for December is crisp, and furnishes the free thinker with a number of articles "exposing ancient error," but in addition to this others on other subjects which the general reader will find interesting. H. L. Green, editor and publisher, 213 E Indiana street, Chicago, Ill.

CURRENT COMMENT

—— The treatment of the Cuban question in the President's message contrasted with the treatment of the Cuban question in the Republican national platform is another illustration of the familiar truth that "platforms are made to get in on, not to stand on."—*New York World, Dem.*

Some day the long discussed plan for an inland waterway along the Atlantic coast will be carried out, and then the nation will wonder how it got along for so many years without this great improvement. It is a work that will be more valuable in peace than in war, enabling coasting vessels to escape all the dangers of the outer passage, including Cape Hatteras.—*Philadelphia Leder, Ind.*

—— The governor's veto of the foot ball bill will not counteract the good moral effect that the passage of the bill has had. The foot ball players have been put on notice that brutality will not be tolerated. If the game is to surive, it must be conducted upon sportsmanlike principles, and not like a dangerous free fight. It now depends upon the players to whether the game shall survive, or whether it shall be legislated out of existence later.—*Savannah News, Dem.*

—— Hon. Silver Dick Bland says that "the President's proposition to retire the greenbacks by holding them in the Treasury except for gold deposits, means contraction of the currency to the amount of the greenbacks so impounded." That, as we said in our first comment on the message, is undoubtedly the view that all the silver men in Congress will take of it and for that reason there is little or no hope that the President's recommendation will be acted upon by the Senate.—*Richmond Times (gold) Dem.*

Nervous people find relief by enriching their blood with Hood's Sarsaparilla, which is the one true blood purifier and nerve tonic. †

TWINKLINGS.

— Proofs of Genious: "Stubbs has written a popular novel. I didn't know he was so clever."

"He has done better than that; he has married a rich widow."

— "Why is it that when a spinster gets a letter addressed 'M's' it makes her hopping mad?"

"I don't know. Why is it that when a married woman gets a letter addressed 'Miss' she is always pleased?"

— "I asked Miss Folightly if she believed in Cuban autonomy."

'What did she say?"

"She said she did, and that it was easier for her to believe in it than to try to understand what it was."

— Allington—"Is Pierson, the millionaire, a good church member?"

Deacon Wadhams—"I should think he was. Why, the rest of us don't have to subscribe hardly anything to keep affairs going."—*Tit Bits.*

— Mr. Lakefront—"I suppose music in Boston is pretty well educated by this time, is it not?"

Miss Beaconhill—"I fail to comprehend your meaning."

Mr. Lakefront—"You have so many music teachers there."

— "They say ladies wear costumes now in which fish-netting is conspicuous," said Mr. Whistles.

"Yes," said Mrs. Whistles; "they're very durable."

"Quite catching, too, I should say," said Whistles.—*Harper's Bazar.*

—"My husband says those married men up in Alaska are having an easy time this winter."

"Why?"

"They don't have to get out of bed in the middle of the night to see if the front door is locked."

Robbed the Grave.

A startling incident of which Mr. John Oliver, of Philadelphia, was the subject, is narrated by him as follows: "I was in a most dreadful condition. My skin was almost yellow, eyes sunken, tongue coated, pain continually in back and sides, no appetite—gradually growing weaker day by day. Three physicians had given me up. Fortunately, a friend advised trying 'Electric Bitters,' and to my great joy and surprise, the first bottle made a decided improvement. I continued their use for three weeks, and am now a well man. I know they saved my life, and robbed the grave of another victim." No one should fail to try them. Only 50 cents per bottle at R. R. BELLAMY'S Drug Store. †

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SPIRITS TURPENTINE.

— Winston *Sentinel*: Wednesday night, on the excursion from Greensboro to Mt. Airy, Joe Hanes cut Lem Hemons' throat and stabbed him in his bowels, and some unknown party shot Joe Hanes in the back. The parties were brought to Walnut Cove, where the wounds were dressed. Both parties are in a bad condition. Both parties live in Mt. Airy and fell out over a pint of liquor.

— Lexington *Dispatch*: Capt. H. F. McCarty has struck a regular Klondike field in Jackson Hill township. Capt. McCarty was in town a few days last week and tempted the editor by allowing him the privilege of handling a lot of fine gold nuggets fresh from the Klondike gold fields of Jackson Hill. The mining interest in this county equals that of any county in the United States, and we expect to see it developed in a very short time.

— Maxton *Scottish Chief*: Saturday while out hunting near Red Springs with a small rifle, 22 calibre bore, Marion Welch accidentally shot himself, the ball taking effect in the region of the heart. He was a nephew of Mr. Geo. Welch, so well known to excursionists on the C. F. & Y. V. Railway. —— The artesian well has been bored to a depth of two hundred and seventy odd feet. No flow of water has been obtained yet. The strata passed through for the last hundred feet is a very tough clay of varying color.

— Columbus *News*: We were shown Monday a very ingenious little invention of Mr. S. A. Lewis, of Hallsboro, which he recently had patented. It is a steel trap that really is a steal trap, for it only catches the rogue that tries to steal the bait out of it. It will not catch dogs, hogs or cattle, and a barefoot boy can step on it without the least danger of being caught. It can be set on a log or in a path without danger, as it only catches animals that use the forefeet, such as raccoons, opossums, minks, otters, etc. The game caught in this trap is not tortured as by the ordinary trap, as it only hurts when the animals pulls on it. It is said to be very successful in catching game.

— Charlotte *Observer*: Mr. John A. Newell, of Newell's Station, who was here yesterday, says that since the recent rains the farmers have sowed a good deal of wheat and oats. All along the road to Charlotte he saw wheat sowing in progress. It is a little late, but the farmers are determined to take chances and sow all the wheat and oats possible. If the weather holds good, Mr. Newell says this work will be kept up until Christmas. Mr. Robert Wallace, of Eastfield, who was in the city yesterday, reports that the farmers in his section have sowed a larger acreage in wheat than has yet been known. —— Linoytyper Abernethy, who set in to eat 30 partridges in 30 days, last night stopped long enough to dispose of the 27th bird and then resumed work. Everybody in the shop who didn't think he could do it is trying to hedge, but there doesn't seem to be any way out of it for them. Monday night the contest, if such it can be called, closes.

SUNDAY SELECTIONS.

— Religion doesn't make a man impolite or selfish or envious or unfair or discourteous—its the lack of religion. He who is unwilling to treat his fellowman with kindness and fairness *is not* a child of God, it matters not what pretensions he may make.

— There is nothing more hardening to the sensibilities than the failure to translate pity into action. Christ's pity was practical. We are told that he had compassion on the hungry multitude, and the immediate result of it was many loaves had He? This is finely illustrative of the way in which Christ's whole nature moved at once and in unison.—*Rev. Dr. Geo D. Baker.*

— Contemplate the love of Christ and you will love. Stand before that mirror, reflect Christ's character, and you will be changed into the same image from tenderness to tenderness. There is no other way. You cannot love to order. You can only look at the lovely object and fall in love with it and grow into likeness to it. And so look at this perfect character, this perfect life. Look at the great sacrifice as He laid down Himself, all through life and upon the cross of Calvary, and you must love Him. And loving Him you must become like Him.

— A praying man usually hears good sermons, while he who does not pray is never satisfied. A true preacher aims, by his pulpit deliverences, to minister to the soul-needs of men. The people have discussed business affairs, read political tirades and heard of social reforms during the entire week, and they need something more than literature, socialism or political economy. The praying man knows what he wants. He tested his soul before he left home, and he knows the weak places. He is hungry; he is thirsty. The soil of his heart is prepared for the seed. Get ready, young people, for the sermon and you will see the sermon was prepared for you.—*St. Louis Advocate*

— There are two ways of being happy; we may either diminish our wants or augment our means—either will do—the result is the same; and it is for each man to decide for himself and do that which happens to be the easier. If you are idle, or sick, or poor, however hard it may be to diminish your wants, it will be harder to augment your means. If you are active and prosperous, or young, or in good health, it may be easier for you to augment your means than to diminish your wants. But if you are wise, you will do both at the same time, young or old, rich or poor, sick or well; and if you are very wise, you will do both in such a way as to augment the general happiness of society.—*Benjamin Franklin.*

— How He Loved Them—Mrs. Merry—"I never saw a boy so fond of pets as Robby is."

Mrs. Wallace—"Really?"

Mrs. Merry—"Yes; he's worn out a kitten and two pups in the last two months."—*Golden Days.*

The Discovery of the Day.

Aug. J. Bogel, the leading druggist of Shreveport, La., says: "Dr. King's New Discovery is the only thing that cures my cough, and it is the best seller I have." J. F. Campbell, merchant of Safford, Ariz., writes: "Dr. King's New Discovery is all that is claimed for it; it never fails, and is a sure cure for Consumption, Coughs and Colds. I cannot say enough for its merits." Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, Coughs and Colds is not an experiment. It has been tried for a quarter of a century, and to day stands at the head. It never disappoints. Free trial bottles at R. R. BELLAMY's drug store. †

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O WELL LOVED SOUTHLAND.

H S CANFIELD

Land of the South! One wandering child
That on thy mother-breast hath lain
Dreams nightly of thy kisses mild
And longs for them again.
To him no other land may show
Thy warmth, thy tenderness and truth,
For him no odorous breezes blow,
As in his vanished youth.

Sweet were the mornings, dear the days
In that past time, now long gone by,
And through the softening evening grays
Shrilled out the tree frog's cry.
The slave's voice borne, from fields afar,
Floated in happy hearted song,
While underneath the blazing stars
The bayou crept along.

In dark trees whirred the katydid,
The locust piped his grinding lay,
The bat on noiseless pinions slid
Through the fast failing day.
High in the air the night hawk wheeled,
The fox barked shrilly from the hill,
And sounded from the dusky field
The plaintive whippoorwill.

Magnolias nodded each to each,
The roses shook their scents abroad
And smiled up at the towering beech
That shadowed o'er the road.
The brown owl swept on drearily
Above the glassy, still lagoon;
The corn blades rustled cheerily
Beneath the sailing moon.

O land of lands! Where ever burn
The fires of youth! Though stricken sore
By wounds of war, thou dost not turn
The stranger from thy door.
Still givest thou with open hand
To all that ask. True to thyself
Thou countest charity, oh land,
As better far than pelf.

Peaceful art thou. On thy broad brow
Sits calmness. All the ringing cheers
With which thy fierce sons battled, now
Are dead with the dead years.
Thou mournest still, but not in wrath,
For all the bright blood that was spilt,
And thy white sun-kissed rapier hath
Been shivered to the hilt.

Happy are they who still may be
Within the sound of thy sweet voice,
'Mid slumberous airs of Arcady,
Far from the world's annoys.
O well loved Southland! Memory brings
Thy greening fields, thy graying tombs,
Where through the night the mocker sings
And deep the bittern booms.
—*Chicago Times-Herald.*

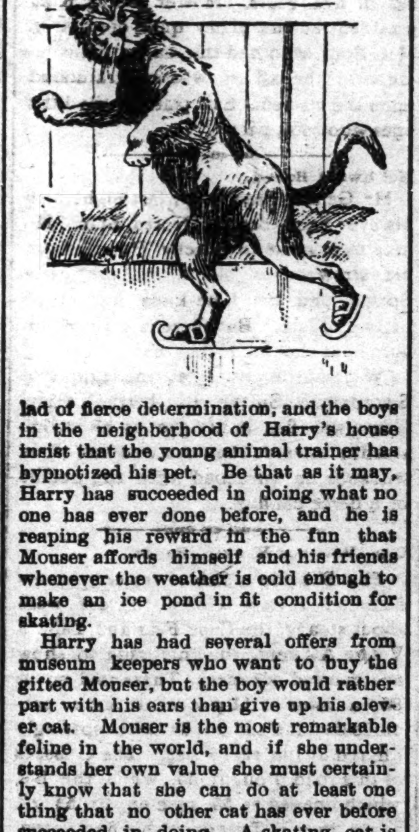
FOR LITTLE FOLKS.

A SKATING CAT.

Her Name Is Mouser, and She Is the Pet of a Harlem (N. Y.) Boy.

Harry Summers is a Harlem boy, and his greatest boast is that he has succeeded in teaching his pet cat, Mouser, how to glide along an ice pond on skates. Mouser did not learn how to skate in a day. As may be imagined, she was a slow pupil, and it was quite a month before she could be induced to keep the little pieces of steel and wood (which Harry had specially made for her) attached to her feet. Even when Mouser had grown accustomed to her shackles she had to be taught to stand upright, and after that she had to be coaxed into using her skates on the ice. Poor puss had many a bad fall, and if her skates had not been so firmly attached to her hind legs she would have run away from her terrible task long before she had grown accustomed to her unnatural sport.

It was only with the utmost patience and kindness that Mouser was taught to look upon her daily exercise as a part of her existence. Today she rather enjoys a spin on the little pond in the back yard of Harry's home. Mouser's first real lessons in skating were given on miniature roller skates; it was only a step from roller skating to a glide on the ice. Mouser is a big white and yellow cat, not at all handsome, and more inclined to fight than to skate, but Harry is a



lad of fierce determination, and the boys in the neighborhood of Harry's house insist that the young animal trainer has hypnotized his pet. Be that as it may, Harry has succeeded in doing what no one has ever done before, and he is reaping his reward in the fun that Mouser affords himself and his friends whenever the weather is cold enough to make an ice pond in fit condition for skating.

Harry has had several offers from museum keepers who want to buy the gifted Mouser, but the boy would rather part with his ears than give up his clever cat. Mouser is the most remarkable feline in the world, and if she understands her own value she must certainly know that she can do at least one thing that no other cat has ever before succeeded in doing. A skating cat is worth a whole menagerie of ordinary trick animals, and when Mouser dies—as she probably will some day—a fine monument erected over her grave will be the very least that her proud master can do to let future generations know how wonderful a pussy once lived and skated in New York.—New York Recorder.

Borrowing Trouble.

Borrowing is poor business at the best, but of all the unsatisfactory "no return for your pains" occupations the very worst in the world is borrowing trouble. To begin with, it is based on fancy, crankiness, vaporings, undue nervousness or the mental or moral idiosyncrasies that should have been trained out of the individual long before the years of childhood were passed. There are few people in the world more depressing and disheartening than those who are always seeing some shadow of coming evil. The world is somber enough even at the best, and it is scarcely worth while to go out seeking for shadows or to conjure up purely imaginary ones.—New York Ledger.

A Remarkable Memory.

Beethoven could play from memory all the preludes and fugues contained in Bach's "Well Tempered Clavichord." There are 48 preludes and the same number of fugues, and as each is in the most abstruse style of counterpoint the difficulty of this performance will be appreciated by every musician.

It is just as well to know that ophelia, a new color, is a pale mauve.

BABY'S SMOOTH, FAIR SKIN

A Grateful Mother Writes this Letter—Tells all about Her Troubles when Baby Broke out with Scrofula Sores.

"At the age of two months, my baby began to have sores break out on his right cheek. We used all the external applications that we could think or hear of, to no avail. The sores spread all over one side of his face. We consulted a physician and tried his medicine, and in a week the sore was gone. But to my surprise in two weeks more another scrofulous looking sore appeared on baby's arm. It grew worse and worse, and when he was three months old, I began giving him Hood's Sarsaparilla. I also took Hood's Sarsaparilla, and before the first bottle was finished, the sores were well and have never returned. He is now four years old, but he has never had any sign of those scrofulous sores since he was cured by Hood's Sarsaparilla, for which I feel very grateful. My boy owes his good health and smooth, fair skin to this great medicine." MRS. S. S. WROTEN, Farmington, Delaware. Get only Hood's.

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Geology.

The scientific beginnings of geology are said to have been treated of in Chinese works long before the Christian era. Some degree of geological information is displayed in the book of Job, several passages of which have been held to indicate an exact knowledge of the different strata of the earth. The science is treated of by Aristotle, Pliny and Theophrastus. Geology did not become what may be called an exact science until the present century.

For Her Sick Doggie.

Almost everybody knows that catnip is often given to cats that are indisposed. A 5-year-old little girl, in making up a story about the picture of a sick dog in a book at which she was looking the other day, suited the remedy to the patient by saying that he ought to have some "dognip!"—Exchange.

CASTORIA.

The fac-simile signature of Chas. H. Fletcher is on every wrapper.

Wholesale Prices Current.

The quotations are always given as accurately as possible, but the STAR will not be responsible for any variations from the actual market price of the articles quoted.

☞ The following quotations represent Wholesale Prices generally. In making up small orders higher prices have to be charged.

BAGGING—			
2 ℔ Jute		@	6¼
Standard		@	7¾
WESTERN SMOKED—			
Hams ℔ ℔	12	@	14
Sides ℔ ℔	6	@	7¼
Shoulders ℔ ℔	6	@	7½
DRY SALTED—			
Sides ℔ ℔	5	@	5¼
Shoulders ℔ ℔		@	5½
BARRELS—Spirits Turpentine—			
Second-hand, each	1 00	@	1 10
New New York, each		@	1 20
New City, each		@	1 20
BEESWAX ℔ ℔		@	22
BRICKS—			
Wilmington ℔ M	6 00	@	7 00
Northern	9 00	@	14 00
BUTTER—			
North Carolina ℔ ℔	15	@	18
Northern	18	@	26
CORN MEAL—			
Per Bushel, in sacks	44	@	45
Virginia Meal	41	@	45
COTTON TIES—℔ bundle		@	85
CANDLES—℔ ℔—			
Sperm	18	@	25
Adamantine	8	@	10
CHEESE—℔ ℔—			
Northern Factory	10	@	11
Dairy, Cream		@	11
State	10½	@	12
COFFEE—℔ ℔—			
Laguyra	20	@	
Rio	8	@	12
DOMESTICS—			
Sheeting, 4-4, ℔ yard		@	5¼
Yarns, ℔ bunch	18	@	20
EGGS—℔ dozen		@	17
FISH—			
Mackerel, No 1, ℔ barrel	22 00	@	30 00
Mackerel, No 1, ℔ half-barrel	11 00	@	15 00
Mackerel, No 2, ℔ barrel	16 00	@	18 00
Mackerel, No 2, ℔ half-barrel	8 00	@	9 00
Mackerel, No 3, ℔ barrel	13 00	@	14 00
Mullets, ℔ barrel	3 75	@	4 00
Mullets, ℔ pork barrel		@	7 00
N. C. Roe Herring, ℔ keg	3 00	@	3 25
Dry Cod, ℔ ℔	5	@	10
" Extra	3 35	@	3 50
FLOUR—℔ barrel—			
Low grade		@	3 75
Choice		@	4 75
Straight		@	5 00
First Patent	5 25	@	6 00
GLUE—℔ ℔—	7½	@	8¼
GRAIN—℔ bushel—			
Corn, from store, bags—White		@	45
Car load, in bags—White		@	44
Oats, from store		@	32½
Oats, Rust Proof		@	40
Cow Peas		@	55
HIDES, ℔ ℔—			
Green		@	6
Dry		@	8
HAY, ℔ 100 ℔s—			
Clover Hay	80	@	85
Rice Straw		@	50
Eastern		@	90
Western		@	85
North River		@	75
HOOP IRON, ℔ ℔	1½	@	2
LARD, ℔ ℔—			
Northern	5½	@	6
North Carolina	6	@	10
LIME, ℔ barrel	1 15	@	1 25
LUMBER (city sawed), ℔ M feet—			
Ship Stuff, resawed	18 00	@	20 00
Rough-edge Plank	15 00	@	16 00
West India cargoes, according to quality	13 00	@	18 00
Dressed Flooring, seasoned	18 00	@	22 00
Scantling and Board common	14 00	@	15 00
MOLASSES, ℔ gallon—			
Barbados, in hhds		@	26
" " " in bbls		@	28
Porto Rico, in hhds		@	25
" " in bbls		@	28
Sugar-House, in hhds	12	@	14
" " in bbls	14	@	15
Syrup, in bbls	12	@	15
NAILS, ℔ keg, Cut, 60d basis		@	1 50
PORK, ℔ barrel—			
City Mess		@	9 50
Rump		@	9 25
Prime		@	9 25
ROPE, ℔ ℔	10	@	22
SALT, ℔ sack Alum		@	1 10
Liverpool		@	80
Lisbon		@	
American	40	@	60
On 125 ℔ Sacks		@	40
SHINGLES, 7-inch, ℔ M	5 00	@	6 50
Common	1 00	@	2 25
Cypress Saps	2 50	@	3 50
SUGAR, ℔ ℔—Standard Granu'd		@	5¾
Standard A		@	5½
White Ex. C		@	[illegible]
Extra C, Golden		@	[illegible]
C. Yellow		@	[illegible]
SOAP, ℔ ℔—Northern	3½	@	4
STAVES, ℔ M—W. O. barrel	8 00	@	14 00
R. O. Hogshead		@	10 00
TIMBER, ℔ M feet—Shipping		@	9 00
Mill, Prime		@	7 00
Mill, Fair	6 50	@	4 50
Common Mill	4 00	@	2 50
Inferior to Ordinary		@	3 00
SHINGLES, N. C. Cyress sawed			
℔ M 6x24 heart	7 50	@	8 50
" Sap	5 00	@	6 00
5x24 Heart	4 50	@	5 00
" Sap	4 00	@	4 50
6x20 Heart	6 00	@	6 50
" Sap	5 00	@	50
TALLOW, ℔ ℔		@	6
WHISKEY, ℔ gallon—Northern	1 00	@	2 00
North Carolina	1 00	@	2 00
WOOL ℔ ℔—Unwashed	8	@	15

COMMERCIAL.

WILMINGTON MARKET.

STAR OFFICE, December 10

SPIRITS TURPENTINE—Market firm at 30¼ cents per gallon for machine-made casks and 29¾ cents for country casks.

ROSIN—Market dull; nothing doing.

TAR.—Market steady at $1.05 per bbl of 280 lbs.

CRUDE TURPENTINE.—Market steady; $1.40 per barrel for Hard. 1.90 for Yellow Dip and 1.90 for Virgin.

Quotations same day last year—Spirits turpentine nothing doing; rosin firm, $1.45, 1.55; tar steady, $1 10; crude turpentine quiet, $1.40, 1.90, 1 80.

RECEIPTS.

Spirits Turpentine	141
Rosin	673
Tar	332
Crude Turpentine	161

Receipts same day last year—84 casks spirits turpentine, 680 bbls rosin, 112 bbls tar, 26 bbls crude turpentine.

COTTON

Market steady on a basis of 5⅜c for middling. Quotations:

Ordinary	3 15-16 cts ℔ ℔	
Good Ordinary	4¼	" "
Low Middling	4 15-16	" "
Middling	5⅜	" "
Good Middling	5⅝	" "

Same day last year, middling 7½c.

Receipts—3,903 bales; same day last year 1,816.

COUNTRY PRODUCE.

PEANUTS—North Carolina—Prime, 40@45c per bushel of 28 pounds; Extra Prime, 50c; Fancy, 55c. Virginia—Extra Prime, 45c; Fancy 50c.

CORN—Firm; 47½@50 cents per bushel.

ROUGH RICE—$1.00@1.05 per bushel.

N. C. BACON—Steady; Hams, 8 to 9c per pound; Shoulders, 6 to 7c; Sides, 7 to 8c.

SHINGLES—Per thousand, five inch hearts and saps, $1.60 to 2.25; six inch, $2.25 to 3.25; seven inch, $5.50 to 6.50.

TIMBER—Market steady at $3.00 to 8.50 per M.

FINANCIAL MARKETS.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, Dec. 11—Evening.—Money on call was nominal at 1½@2 per cent. Prime mercantile paper 3@3½ per cent. Sterling exchange was steady, with actual business in bankers' bills at 485⅜@485¾ for demand; 482¼@482¾ for sixty days. Posted rates 483½@484 and 486½@487. Commercial bills 481¼. Silver certificates 58¾. Bar silver 58¼. Mexican dollars 46¼. Government bonds strong; new fours, registered, 129⅝, new fours, coupon, 129⅝; fours, registered, 112⅜; fours, coupon, 114⅜; twos, registered, 99; fives, registered 114⅝; fives, coupon, 114⅝. State bonds dull; North Carolina sixes 126; North Carolina fours 103.

NAVAL STORES MARKETS.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, Dec. 11.—Rosin steady, strained common to good $1 40@1 45. Spirits turpentine steady at 33¾@33¼.

CHARLESTON, Dec. 11.—Spirits turpentine was firm at 30c; sales — casks. Rosin firm; sales — barrels; quotations unchanged.

SAVANNAH, Dec 11.—Spirits turpentine firm at 30½c bid; sales 453 casks; receipts 937 casks. Rosin firm; sales 1,163 barrels; receipts 3,743 barrels; quotations unchanged.

COTTON MARKETS

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK December 11.—The cotton market opened quiet and steady at unchanged prices to one point higher, ruled slow and featureless even for a Saturday half-holiday and at 11 o'clock was inactive, with prices 1 to 2 points net higher? Sales of 14,500 bales to that time represented the smallest business for a corresponding time in many weeks Trading was entirely local and chiefly for the evening-up of accounts of Sunday. Liverpool cables were indifferent and without influence. Selling was checked by moderating port receipts.

NEW YORK, Dec. 11.—Evening.—Cotton quiet; middling 5⅝c.

Cotton futures closed steady; sales of 80,100 bales; January 5 70, February 5 73, March 5 77, April 5 82, May 5 87, June 5 91, July 5 96, August 6 00, September 6 00, October 6 02 December 5 69.

Spot cotton closed quiet; middling uplands 5⅝c; middling gulf 6⅛c; sales — bales.

Cotton—net receipts 831 bales; gross 7,594 bales; exports to Great Britain —— bales; to France —— bales; to the Continent —— bales; forwarded 4,415 bales; sales — bales; sales to spinners — bales; stock (actual) 96 649 bales.

Total to-day—Net receipts 57,288 bales; exports to Great Britain 7 000 bales; to France —— bales; to the Continent 22,951 bales; stock 96 649 bales.

Total since September 1—Net receipts 4,509,578 bales; exports to Great Britain 1,431,683 bales; exports to France 410 869 bales; exports to the Continent 1,129,-319 bales.

Dec. 11.—Galveston, steady at 5 7-16c, net receipts 8 882 bales; Norfolk, steady at 5¼, net receipts 4,144 bales; Baltimore, nominal at 5⅝, net receipts — bales, Boston, quiet at 5⅞, net receipts 1,760 bales; Wilmington, steady at 5⅜, net receipts 3 903 bales; Philadelphia, quiet at 6⅛, net receipts 58 bales; Savannah, quiet at 5 3 16, net receipts 12 902 bales; New Orleans, steady at 5¼, net receipts 15,008 bales; Mobile, easy at 5 3-16, net receipts 4,507 bales; Memphis, steady at 5¼, net receipts 8,744 bales; Augusta, steady at 5 7 16, net receipts 1,548 bales; Charleston, quiet at 5 3-16, net receipts 5,808 bales.

PRODUCE MARKETS.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, Dec. 11—Evening.—Flour was dull but nominally steady; city mill patents $5 75@6 00; do. clears $5 40@5 60; Minnesota patents $5 10@5 45; winter patents $4 80@4 15; winter straights $4 55@4 70; winter extras $3 40@4 00; Minnesota bakers' $4 20@4 40; winter low grades $2 90@3 10. Wheat—spot weak; No. 2 red 98½c f. o. b. afloat; options opened easier and declined under liquidation, prompted by weak cables, lack of export demand and dull trade generally, closing ⅜@½c net lower; No. 2 red January closed 97⅝c; May closed 93¼; December closed 97½c. Corn—spot steady; No. 2 31⅝c f. o. b. afloat; options opened steady on bad weather West, ruled quiet all day with few changes and closed unchanged to ⅛c net lower; May closed 33⅝c; December closed 31⅝c. Oats—spot quiet; No. 2 27½@27½c; options were quiet but fairly steady, closing partly ⅛c net lower; February closed 27⅛c; May closed 27½c: December closed 27c. Lard firm; Western steam $4 60; December closed $4 55, nominal; refined firm; Continent $4 90; South American $5 25; compound 4@4¼c. Pork dull; mess $8 25@9 00; short clear $10 00@12 00; family $10 50@11 00. Butter steady; Western creamery 14@24c; do. factory 11½@14c; Elgins 24; imitation creamery 13@17c; State dairy 13@20c; do. creamery 14@23c. Cheese steady; large white September 8½@8¾; light skims 6@6½c; part skims 4½@5½; full skims 3@4c. Petroleum dull; United closed with no market; New York $5 40; Philadelphia and Baltimore $5 35; do. in bulk $2 85. Rice firm; domestic fair to extra 4½@6½c. Cotton seed oil steady, but rather quiet; prime crude 18½; prime crude f. o. b. mills 13½@14½c; prime summer yellow 21½@22c; off summer yellow 21½c; butter oil 24@27c; prime winter yellow 26½@27c. Coffee—spot Rio steady; No. 7 invoice 6⅝c; No 7 jobbing 7½c; mild quiet; Cordova 8½@15c. Sugar—raw strong; fair refining 3⅜; centrifugal 96 test 3 5-16c; sales recently 950 tons centrifugal 96 test at Breakwater and 3,000 tons do. for shipment 96 test 10s 6d, cost and freight, one sail cargo first running Java, January shipment 10s 7½d, and two sail cargoes do. do 6d, cost and freight; refined strong; mould A 5⅛c; granulated 5 1-16.

CHICAGO, December 11.—Wheat was quiet to day in marked contrast to the violent fluctuations of the past three sessions. The close showed an advance of 1½c for December over yesterday. Corn and oats closed firm after a dull day and provisions were in good demand at an advance of 10c for pork and 2½c for lard and ribs.

CHICAGO, Dec. 11.—Cash quotations: Flour steady; hard patents $4 60@4 80; soft $4 40@4 60; soft bakers' $3 40@3 60; winter straights $4 50@4 70. Wheat—No. 3 spring 88¾@89½c; No. 3 spring 83@86c; No. 2 red $1 02½@1 04 Corn—No. 2, 25⅝@26½c. Oats—No. 2, 22¼c; No. 2 white f. o. b. 22@22½c; No. 3 white f. o. b. 23¼@23⅝c. Rye—No. 2, 46½c. Mess pork per barrel $7 40@7 45. Lard, per 100 lbs $4 35@4 40 Short rib sides, loose, $4 12½@4 50. Dry salted shoulders, boxed, $4 00@4 25 Short clear sides, boxed, $4 45@4 65. Whiskey, distillers' finished goods, per gallon, $1 19.

The leading futures ranged as follows: opening, highest, lowest and closing: Wheat-December 1 04, 1 05, 1 03, 1 04½; January 95, 95, 93¼, 96½c; May 91¾, 91¾, 91, 91½c. Corn—December 25¼, 25⅜, 25¼, 25⅜c; January 25¼, 25⅝, 25¼, 25⅝c. May 28¼, 28⅝, 28⅛, 28⅝c. Oats—December 22, 22, 22, 22c; May 23¼, 23¼, 22⅞, 22⅞. Mess pork, per bbl—December $7 40, —, —, 7 35. January $8 22½, 8 35, 8 22½, 8 35; May $8 47½, 8 60, 8 47½, 8 57½. Lard, per 100 lbs—December $4 25; January $4 32½, 4 37½, 4 32½, 4 35. May $4 50, 4 55, 4 50, 4 52½. Short ribs, per 100 lbs—December $4 22½; January $4 22½, 4 25, 4 22½, 4 25; May $4 32½, 4 37½, 4 32½, 4 35

BALTIMORE, Dec. 11.—Flour quiet and unchanged. Wheat easy; spot and month 98¼@98⅜c; January 98⅜@98c; May 93½c bid; steamer No. 2 red 92c; Southern wheat by sample 93@99c; do on grade 93¼@98½c. Corn steady; spot 33@33¼c; month 33¼@33⅛c; December, new or old, 32@33¼c; January 31⅝@32c; February 33@33¼c; steamer mixed 31@31½c. Southern white corn 29@33c; do yellow 30@33c. Oats firm; No. 2 white 29¼@30c; No. 2 mixed 27@27½c.

FOREIGN MARKETS

By Cable to the Morning Star.

LIVERPOOL, Dec. 11.—12.30 P. M.—Cotton—Spot quiet and prices unchanged. American middling 3 3 16d. Sales of the day 18,800 bales. Receipts 14 400 bales. Futures opened quiet and demand moderate. December 3 9 64d; January 3 8 64d; March and April 3 9-64d; April and May 3 10-64d; May and June 3 12 64d; June and July 3 13 64d; July and August 3 14 64d; August and September 3 15 64d. Futures quiet.

MARINE.

ARRIVED.

Br steamship Lucerne, 1,227 tons, Wallace, Glasgow, J H Sloan.

Nor barque Poseidon, 544 tons, Pettersen, Pernambuco, Heide & Co.

Steamship Oneida, 1090 tons, Staples, Georgetown, H G Smallbones.

CLEARED.

Br steamship Trunkby, 1668 tons, McCarthy, Bremen, Alex Sprunt & Son.

Steamship Oneida, 1090 tons, Staples, New York, H G Smallbones.

EXPORTS.

COASTWISE.

NEW YORK—Steamship Oneida—179 pkgs mdse, 40 cases cotton flannels, 20 bbls crude, 45 bbls oil, 345 bbls. spirits, 1,168 bbls tar, 225 bags chaff, 50 bags peanuts, 20 000 shingles, 9 800 bolts, 91,562 feet lumber 463 bales cotton, 34 bales cotton soft.

FOREIGN.

BREMEN—Br steamship Trunkby—8 866 bales, 4 327,084 pounds cotton, valued at $259 620; vessel and cargo by Alex Sprunt & Son.

MARINE DIRECTORY.

List of Vessels in the Port of Wilmington, N. C., Dec. 9, 1897.

SCHOONERS.

Bessie Brown, 220 tons, Smith, Geo Harriss, Son & Co.

Roger Moore, 277 tons, Miller, Jas T Riley & Co.

May Thompson, 60 tons, Cahoon, Geo Harriss, Son & Co.

Silver Heels, 128 tons, Quinlan, Jas T Riley & Co.

St Thomas, 654 tons, Hammett, Geo Harriss, Son & Co.

Samuel W Hall, 306 tons, Mumford, Geo Harriss, Son & Co.

BARQUES.

Poseidon (Nor), 544 tons, Pettersen, Pernambuco, Heide & Co.

Hans (Swed), 680 tons, Ebbefson, Heide & Co.

Anitra (Nor), 547 tons, Simonsen, Paterson, Downing & Co.

BRIGS.

Gabrielle, 482 tons Munday, Geo Harriss, Son & Co.

STEAMSHIPS.

Lucerne (Br), 1227 tons, Wallace, Glasgow, J H Sloan.

Vera (Br), 2,854 tons, Nicholson, J H Sloan.

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"I came back to St. Louis from that sale empty handed. Not until a week after did I learn the trick that had been practiced on me to beat me out of my purchases. I met at the sales stables across the river one of the country horse traders I had met at the county seat sale. He laughed when he saw me and coolly told of how he had put up a job on me when I was in his town. He explained that the horses I first selected and then refused to buy were in reality as gentle as their owners had represented them to be, but that he and his partner had discovered a chemical liquid which when poured on any part of a horse's anatomy covered with hair would in a few seconds after its application soak into the hide through the hair pores and cause such intense pain as would make the gentlest horse pitch and rear like a wild pony when first saddled. These rascals found out that there was a demand for the horses I had selected and concluded to beat me out of them so they could buy them at a lower figure than I had offered. They sneaked around when the owners were not looking and dropped this liquid on each of my selection just in time for the fluid to take effect on the animal at a critical time. I threw up my hands when this explanation was made and took off my hat to the man who made it."—St. Louis Republic.

Victims of the Bosporus.

Richard Davey, in his book, "The Sultan and His Subjects," says:

"The stories which have become so widespread in Europe of the wholesale drowning of ladies of the seraglio in the Bosporus are not very greatly exaggerated. We have no less than three well authenticated cases in which as many as between 200 and 300 have been sent to the bottom of the sea, tied up in the traditional sack. These terrible executions usually occurred after some conspiracy to depose or murder one or the other of the sultans. Sultan Mahmud II caused all the women of his brother Mustapha's harem to be drowned in a similar manner. Even in these days it is easy enough in Turkey to get rid of troublesome wives and slaves without fear of detection, for no man, not even an inspector of police, may enter any harem on any pretext nor inquire as to what has taken place within it, unless he is actually called in by the master of the house."

'TWIXT CUP AND LIP.

"Lovely! Isn't she?"

"Yes. She's a pretty girl."

"Certainly she puts to shame the loveliest wild rose that—that ever grew on a hedge. But you don't seem to understand that I don't care for mere prettiness in a woman's face. It is soul that I look for."

"I see. You like it in the face. Personally I am content with it in its rightful abode—namely, the body."

"You talk like a— Look here! Drop humbugging. If a person has a great deal of soul—by which I mean feeling, intelligence and all that—it always looks out of the eyes, doesn't it?"

"Yes, I agree with you there, but the point is that something very like it often looks out of the eyes—something, I grant you, very fetching and fascinating, but when you try and get behind it you find it's nothing but a little bit of affectation. Why, after all, being soulful or the reverse is only a matter of fashion."

"Oh, I can't talk to you. Your ideas of women are all abominable rot, if you'll excuse my saying so."

"Don't mention it. All the same, I know more of women than you do. I'm only putting you on your guard. Tell me some more of your golden haired goddess."

"Can't you be serious? I'm in earnest this time. I want to talk seriously about her. I want to know what you think of her."

"Well, I think she's pretty; I think her eyes are blue and guileless; I think her hair the brightest and her figure the neatest I have ever seen, and I think—I have met her before somewhere. Yet she didn't seem to remember me, did she? It must have been before I went to the cape. Let me see—two years ago. Tell me, has she ever loved before? For surely, with so much beauty and soul, yours is not the first heart she has taken captive."

"Look here. Drop poetry. That's just what I want to tell you about, only, upon my word, you make it so jolly hard for a chap to tell you anything. What's come over you? One would think by the way you talk about women that you'd been crossed in love or something, only I can't think any woman would be such an idiot. I suppose you're about the most popular man about town. Why don't you drop cynicism and get married?"

"Never mind me, you were going to tell me that"—

"She's been engaged before."

"Well, that's not serious. Most of them have. Who broke it off?"

"She, of course. You don't imagine any fellow who had once won her dear little heart would part with it in a hurry, do you? From all I can make, out the man was a lazy scoundrel, and she, to show you the good sort she is, didn't care to marry a man who lounged about all his days and never exerted himself to work for her."

"Had he no money?"

"Only a paltry £2,000 a year. What's that to a girl like her? Of course naturally she wants, with her good looks, to hold some sort of a position in town. She, like the good angel she is, tried to spur him on to work, but he as good as told her that if £2,000 a year wasn't enough for her, well—it ought to be, or something like that. Then he went abroad."

(Tom Goring to himself) "To the cape and returned unexpectedly, but in time." (Aloud) "Yes? Anything else?"

"Yes. Not only that, but he was a confoundedly jealous brute."

"Absolutely without cause?"

"Of course, just as though a girl with her lofty ideas would stoop to flirtation when she was engaged to be married."

"Look here, Malcolm, you take her part. Naturally you're a bit down on the chap she was engaged to. D'you think it's quite fair when you've only heard one side? Suppose I told you I knew the fellow she was engaged to?"

"Well, I should still take her part."

"Quite right. I admire you for it, but give the other fellow a chance and look before you leap. Love is all very well, but beware of infatuation, my boy. You've known her how long?"

"Two months, and I've seen her every day. Last night, as you know, she accepted me"—

"And your £10,000 a year and your future chance—a very good one—of a baronetcy. No, don't get up; keep calm. I don't want to see you make a mess of your life. First of all, when you began to talk about her I thought it was just another of your larks. I thought probably you could take care of yourself. But, upon my word, you're a bit too trustful, not to say green, for this wicked world; so, though I don't like interfering, I'll just tell you something you ought to know, and then you can think it over and take your own way. I'll have no more to say. You've known me all your life—haven't you?—and you profess, I believe, to 'have a good opinion of me.' At any rate, you know I'm not a liar. I know the fellow she was engaged to. I have known him for years. He wasn't a bad sort; a bit lazy, perhaps, but still—well, anyway, he's got heaps of friends. I don't want to say anything bad of your—your fiancee but just this—she never spurred him on to work. She knew work was out of the question for him. He wasn't so very young, poor chap. Had to winter abroad occasionally, and that sort of thing—nothing serious. When she heard his income was only a paltry £2,000 a year, she just set about finding an excuse to be out of it.

"Once, with his own ears, accidentally this fellow overheard her talking to her dearest girl friend, and this was what she said, 'I haven't the heart to break it off with him, he's so much in love, but I'm just firting about all I can so that he may have an excuse to back out of it.'"

"I don't believe it. It's a gross slander. If I could get hold of that fellow, by Jove, I'd thrash him. That's his story. Why should you believe it more than hers? You bring me face to face with that fellow, that's all."

"That's very easily done."

"What d'you mean?"

"I am that fellow."—St. Paul's.

FIGHTING FISH OF SIAM.

Queer Contests on Which the Natives Love to Gamble.

Next to the farfamed tree climbing fish peculiar to portions of South America, I have failed to discover that the habitable waters hold any denizen much more remarkable than the fighting fish of Siam. The Siamese are notorious gamblers. In their innocent, prattling, "fond," simple way, they will stake their little all upon their favorite wrestler, their favorite juggler, their most admired cock, and even upon their choicest champion of the finny tribe, for these "fighting fish" are no myth, and I am writing of something that I have seen with my own eyes.

Walking quietly on the streets of Bangkok one afternoon, when the tropic sun was beginning to wane and the shorn priests were beginning their weird invocations to Buddha in the wats of that extraordinary and malodorous city, I was aware of a great commotion in the near distance. Natives were running about shouting excitedly in the Siamese lingo and generally conveying the impression that something out of the ordinary was in process of being.

"What's the matter?" I inquired.

"The fighting fish! The fighting fish!" replied several excited voices.

As incredulous as might be, I took the direction indicated and forced my way through a small throng of natives, all talking and gesticulating their fastest, but still religiously chewing (and when are they not?) the inevitable and unpleasant betel nut. What a scene it was, to be sure! As soon as I could get near enough to see anything "definite" I perceived that the center of attraction was a huge bowl three parts full of water, the surface of which was at that moment churned into a veritable foam streaked with blood. In addition to the water, the bowl contained several fish, about the size of ordinary

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Leave Greensboro	2 15 p m
Leave Climax	12 43 "
Leave Sanford	2 36 "
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Leave Fayetteville	4 10 "
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Leave Maxton	6 15 "
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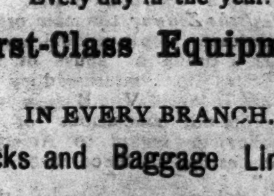

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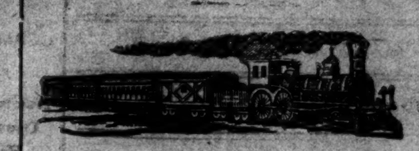

SCHEDULE IN EFFECT NOVEMBER 29, 1897.

DEPARTURE FROM WILMINGTON—NORTHBOUND.

DAILY 9.35 A M — No. 48—Passenger—Due Magnolia 11 03 a m, Warsaw 11.16 a m, Goldsboro 12 05 a m, Wilson 12 55 p m, Rocky Mount 1 41 p m, Tarboro 2.45 p m, Weldon 4.33 p m, Petersburg 6.23 p m, Richmond 7 15 p m, Norfolk 6.05 p m, Washington 11.31 p m, Baltimore 12.53 a m, Philadelphia 3.45 a m, New York 6.53 a m, †Boston 3.00 p m.

DAILY 7.15 P M — No. 40—Passenger—Due Magnolia 8.55 p m, Warsaw 9.10 p m, Goldsboro 10.10 p m, Wilson 11.06 p m, †Tarboro 6.4 a m, Rocky Mount 11.57 p m, Weldon 47 a m, †Norfolk 10.30 a m, Petersburg 3. 6 a m, Richmond 4. 0 a m, Washington 7.41 a m, Baltimore 9.05 a m, Philadelphia 11.35 a m, New York 2.03 p m, Boston 9.00 p m.

DAILY except Sunday 2 10 p m — No. 50—Passenger—Due Jacksonville 3 58 p m, Newbern 5 20 p m.

SOUTHBOUND.

DAILY 4.00 P M — No. 55—Passenger—Due Lake Waccamaw 5.09 p m, Chadbourn 5.40 p m, Marion 6.40 p m, Florence 7.10 p m, Sumter 9.30 p m, Columbia 10.10 p m, Denmark 6.30 a m, Augusta 8.20 a m, Macon 11.30 a m, Atlanta 12.15 p m, Charleston 10.55 p m, Savannah 1 58 a m, Jacksonville 8.20 a m, St. Augustine 10.30 a m, Tampa 6.45 p m.

ARRIVALS AT WILMINGTON—FROM THE NORTH.

DAILY 5.50 P M — No. 49—Passenger—Leave †Boston 1.03 p m, *New York 9.00 p m, Philadelphia 12.05 a m, Baltimore 2.50 a m, Washington 4.30 a m, Richmond 9.05 a m, Petersburg 10.00 a m, Norfolk 8.40 a m, Weldon 11.52 a m, Tarboro 12.12 p m, Rocky Mount 12 47 p m, Wilson 2.37 p m, Goldsboro 3.20 p m, Warsaw 4.11 p m, Magnolia 4 21 p m.

DAILY 9.30 a m — No. 41—Passenger—Leave Boston 12 night, New York 9.30 a m, Philadelphia 12.09 p m, Baltimore 2.25 p m, Washington 3.46 p m, Richmond 7.30 p m, Petersburg 8.12 p m, †Norfolk 2.20 p m, Weldon 9.48 p m, †Tarboro 6.01 p m, Rocky Mount 5.45 a m, leave Wilson 6.22 a m, Goldsboro 7.01 a m, Warsaw 7.53 a m, Magnolia 8.05 a m.

DAILY except Sunday 12 3 p m — No. 51—Passenger—Leave Newbern 9 20 a m, Jacksonville 10 42 a m.

FROM THE SOUTH.

DAILY 1.25 p m — No. 54—Passenger—Leave Tampa 8.00 a m, Sanford 1.50 p m, Jacksonville 8.10 p m, Savannah 1 48 a m, Charleston 6.33 a m, Columbia 7.00 a m, Atlanta 8 20 a m, Macon 9.30 a m, Augusta 3.05 p m, Denmark 4.50 p m, Sumter 8.25 a m, Florence 10.05 a m, Marion 10.44 a m, Chadbourn 11 45 a m, Lake Waccamaw 12.16 p m.

†Daily except Sunday.

Trains on Scotland Neck Branch Road leave Weldon 3 55 p m, Halifax 4 30 p m, arrive Scotland Neck 5.20 p m, Greenville 6.57 p m, Kinston 7 55 p m. Returning, leaves Kinston 7 50 a m, Greenville 8.52 a m, Arriving Halifax at 11 18 a m, Weldon 11 33 a m, daily except Sunday.

Trains on Washington Branch leave Washington 8.20 a m and 2 30 p m, arrive Parmele 9.10 a m and 4 00 p m; returning leaves Parmele 9 35 a m and 6 30 p m, arrives Washington 11 00 a m and 7.20 p. m. Daily except Sunday.

Train leaves Tarboro, N. C., daily except Sunday, 5.30 p m, Sunday, 4 05 p m, arrives Plymouth 7.40 p m and 6 p m. Returning leaves Plymouth daily except Sunday, 7 50 a m, and Sunday 9 a m. Arrive Tarboro 10.05 a m and 11 a m.

Train on Midland N C Branch leaves Goldsboro, N. C., daily except Sunday, 7 10 a m; arrive Smithfield N. C., 8.30 a m. Returning, leaves Smithfield 9 00 a m, arrive Goldsboro, N. C., 10 25 a m.

Train on Nashville Branch leaves Rocky Mount at 4.30 p m, arrives Nashville 5.05 p m, Spring Hope 5.30 p m. Returning leaves Spring Hope 8 a m, Nashville 8 35 a m; arrive Rocky Mount 9 05 a m, daily except Sunday.

Train on Clinton Branch leave Warsaw for Clinton Daily except Sunday at 11.20 a m and 4.15 p m; returning leave Clinton at 7.00 a m. and 3.00 p m.

Florence Railroad leave Pee Dee 10.00 a m, arrive Latta 10.28 a m, Dillon 10 50 a m, Rowland 11 05 a m., returning leaves Rowland 6 10 p m, arrives Dillon 6.29 p m, Latta 6.48 p m, Pee Dee 7.05 p m, daily.

Trains on Conway Branch leave Hub at 8.30 a m, Chadbourn 11.50 a m, arrive Conway 2.10 p m, leave Conway 2 45 p m, Chadbourn 5.45 p m, arrive Hub 6.25 p m, Daily except Sunday.

Central of South Carolina Railroad leave Sumter 6 33 p m, Manning 7.03 p m, arrive Lane's 7 33 p m, leave Lanes 8.28 a m, Manning 9.05 a m, arrive Sumter 9.35 a m. Daily.

Georgetown and Western Railroad leave Lanes 9.30 a m, 7.55 p m, arrive Georgetown 12 m, 9.14 p m, leave Georgetown 7 a m, 3 p m. arrive Lanes 8.25 a m, 5.25 p m. Daily except Sunday.

Trains on Cheraw and Darlington Railroad leave Florence daily except Sunday 9 55 a m, arrive Darlington 10 28 a m, Cheraw 11 40 a m, Wadesboro 2 25 p m, leave Florence daily except Sunday 8.55 p m, arrive Darlington 9.60 p m., Hartsville 9 55 p m, Bennettsville 9 53 p m, Gibson 10 20 p m. Leave Florence Sunday only 9 55 a m, arrive Darlington 10.27 a m, Hartsville 11 10 a m.

Leave Gibson daily except Sunday 6 15 a m, Bennettsville 6 41 a m, arrive Darlington 7 40 a m. Leave Hartsville daily except Sunday 6 45 a m, arrive Darlington 7 30 a m, leave Darlington 9 00 a m, arrive Florence 9 25 a m. Leave Wadesboro daily except Sunday 3 p m, Cheraw 5 15 p m, Darlington 6 40 p m, arrive Florence 7 00 p m. Leave Hartsville Sunday only 8 20 a m, Darlington 9 05 a m, arrive Florence 9 25 a m.

Wilson and Fayetteville Branch leave Wilson 2.20 p m, 11.16 p m, arrive Selma 3.15 p m Smithfield 3.28 p m, Dunn 4 00 p m, Fayetteville 4.47 p m, 1.14 a m, Rowland 6.10 p m, returning leave Rowland 9 23 a m, Fayetteville 12.23 a m, 10.35 p m, Dunn 1.05 p m, Smithfield 1.43 p m, Selma 1.51 p m, arrive Wilson 2 35 p m, 12.22 a m.

Manchester & Augusta Railroad train leaves Sumter 4 40 a m, Creston 5 32 a m, arrive Denmark 6 30 a m. Returning leave Denmark 4 50 p m, Creston 5 42 p m, Sumter 6 00 p m. Daily.

Pregnalls Branch train leaves Creston 5 45 a m, arrive Pregnalls 9.15 a m. Returning leaves Pregnalls 10 a m, arrives Creston 3 50 p m. Daily except Sunday.

Bishopville Branch trains leave Elliott 11.10 a m and 5.05 p m, arrive Lucknow 1 p m and 9.05 p m, Returning leave Lucknow 6.05 a m and 2.00 p m, arrive Elliott 8.25 a m and 3.30 p m.

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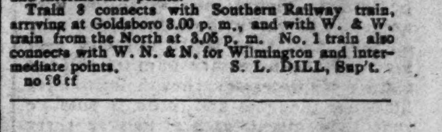

To Take Effect Sunday, Nov. 28th 1897, at 12 M.

GOING EAST. 3 Passenger Trains Arrive	Leave	STATIONS	GOING WEST. 4 Passenger Trains Arrive	Leave
P. M.	P. M.		A. M.	A. M.
....	3 40	Goldsboro	11 05	....
....	4 32	Kinston	10 12	....
5 35	5 45	Newbern	8 57	9 10
6 57	7 03	Morehead City	7 42	7 47
P. M	P. M.		A. M.	A. M.

Train 4 connects with W. & W. train bound North, leaving Goldsboro at 11 35 a. m., and with Southern Railway train West, leaving Goldsboro 2.00 p. m., and with W. N. & N. at Newbern for Wilmington and intermediate points.

Train 3 connects with Southern Railway train, arriving at Goldsboro 3.00 p. m., and with W. & W. train from the North at 3.05 p. m. No. 1 train also connects with W. N. & N. for Wilmington and intermediate points. S. L. DILL, Sup't.

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SUNDAY MORNING, DEC. 12, 1897

THE GREAT BICYCLE RACE.

CLOSE OF THE SIX DAYS CONTEST IN NEW YORK CITY.

Fifteen Men Out of Thirty-six Lasted Till the Finish—Miller, of Chicago, the Winner, With a Score of 5,093 Miles.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, December 11.—One of the greatest crowds that ever filled Madison Square Garden was collected within its walls to-night. It had surged into the vast rink to see C. W. Miller, of Chicago, cross the tapes, winner of the great six-day bicycle race. From start to finish the race has been the most interesting ever witnessed.

Thousands upon thousands have poured into the place day after day and night after night, until it is safe to say that 100 000 people have seen the remarkable race which has been a success from every point of view. The gate receipts will easily reach $60 000, leaving the management a good profit.

The crowd that gathered early to-night was disappointed in finding the first five leaders off the track. They were saving themselves for the final spurt, but the spectators saw something wonderful. Oscar Julius, the plucky little Swede who has made such a splendid showing despite his poor training, rode an unpaced mile, exhibition, just to see how he felt. He did it in 2 35 4 5. Oscar Julius is the one most-talked of man in the ring. With trainers that did not know their business, and without being in any sort of condition, he accomplished 1,500 miles. Kinz is another surprise. He was tending bar in a Raines law hotel on Sunday last and at midnight he was on the track ready to start the race. Over 1,600 miles go to his credit.

Just fifteen men out of the thirty-six that started lasted till the finish. No wonder. It was a heart-breaking, killing pace.

All day the crowd poured in. At 6 p m there was not a seat left in the big Madison Square Garden. About dusk things began to look serious in the neighborhood of the Garden. Suddenly Inspector Brooks put in an appearance at the head of a cordon of 250 police. The Garden was completely girdled by blue-coats and they stretched across Madison avenue in an unbroken line. Slowly the clock crawled round. Wearily poor Miller led the van. Behind him toiled Rice and Schinneer, riding desperately. But it was a great race. Four men, Miller, Rice, Schinneer and Hale, had beaten Hale's record of 1 910 miles. Hale equalled his own at 6 57. He got a floral horse shoe in honor of it.

The final score, 149 hours, is as follows: Miller, 5,093 4; Rice, 5 026 5; Schinneer 2,000 7; Hale, 1,920 3; Walter, 1 883 1; Pierce, 1,888; Golden, 1 778; Gannon, 1,760.6; Enterman, 1,758.7; Elkes, 1 680 7; Kinz, 1 616.8; Julius, 1 593 5; Beacom, 1,350 8; Johnson, 1,279.4; Gray, 1,239; Rivierre, 1,746.7; Moore, 1,495 4. Best previous record, 1,910 miles eight laps, by Hale in 1896.

As a reward for their work of pain and torture in covering hundreds of miles awheel, Miller will get $1 500, aside from presents from wheel and tire concerns; $1 800 of this is the winner's share of the purse, and $200 more goes for breaking the record.

Joe Rice's share of the purse will be $800, and Schinneer will get $500; Teddy Hale will receive $350, and Waller $50 less; Pierce gets $200, Golden $150, Gannon $120, Enterman and Rivierre $100, and Elkes $75.

All the riders who covered more than 1,350 miles will receive a prize, probably $50 a piece.

HAWAIIAN ANNEXATION.

The Question to be Considered in Executive Session of the Senate.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

WASHINGTON, December 11.—The supporters of Hawaiian annexation have definitely decided to consider the question in executive session of the Senate. In order to do this it will be necessary for them to take up the annexation treaty rather than a joint resolution providing for annexation. Some few of those who support Hawaii in this matter were at first inclined to believe that unless it became evident that the two-thirds vote necessary to secure the ratification of the treaty was assured from the beginning, it would be a waste of time to take the matter up at all upon the basis of the treaty, but they appear to have changed their minds or to be at least disposed to defer to the opinions of the majority who oppose this course. It is now stated on behalf of the pro-annexationists that to abandon the treaty at the present time would create the impression that they had surrendered the fight entirely. They also think that the consideration of the question in secret session will serve to bind those who profess to be favorable to annexation and make sure of holding at least a majority of the Senate for a resolution if it should in the end be made evident that it is necessary to resort to this means of securing favorable legislation. There is also a still broader reason for desiring to have the treaty considered behind closed doors which actuates the Committee on Foreign Relations. This is the fact that Japan's attitude towards annexation is such as to involve some delicate questions which the members of this committee think it not advisable to exercise before the public in the way that they might be exercised if the matter should be taken up for debate in the open Senate. The staunchest friends of annexation admit that it will be nigh impossible to secure the two-thirds vote necessary to ratify the treaty, but they contend that they will come very near reaching the necessary number. Of the sixty votes necessary, they claim to have fifty-four pledged, and think it possible that they might secure two or three more votes. Their plan, however, contemplates a full debate of the question on the treaty in executive session, and the subsequent transfer of the matter, if necessary, to the open Senate on a resolution similar to that by which Texas was annexed and the pressing of this resolution to a speedy vote. The resolution will require only a majority of votes, but to be effective it will be necessary that it should also pass the House, where delay is feared.

A Louisville, Ky., dispatch says: Billy Lakeland closed a deal for Hamburg, John Madden's two-year-old, and the colt will in the future wear the colors of W. L. Powers, a wealthy New Yorker. The consideration was $60,000, the biggest price ever paid for a thoroughbred, with the exception of St. Blaiz, who brought $100,000.

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LATE FOREIGN NEWS.

GERMAN-CHINESE DIFFICULTY PRACTICALLY SETTLED.

Russia Will Not Tolerate Permanent Occupation of Kiao-Chau Bay—The Haytian Affair—A Tirade of Abuse of the United States—Great Britain's Trouble With France in Africa.

By Cable to the Morning Star.

LONDON, December 11.—Four cabinet councils in a week are calculated to arouse comment; but it must be admitted that the Marquis of Salisbury and his colleagues have a multiplicity of matters more or less urgently calling for a settlement. With France trying to filch slices of African territory which Great Britain is in the habit of calling her own, and Germany loosening the "cinch" Albion has always claimed to have in China, while Great Britain herself is trying to grab a little more country at various other points and with the preparation of the legislative programme, the ministry has no lack of worries.

The announcement which the *St. James Gazette* made on Wednesday last "authoritatively" that the British Government does not expect any further trouble with France regarding the upper Nile regions, France agreeing to accept the situation, is unconfirmed and probably unfounded, as there is no lack of evidence that France is deliberately pursuing the task of seizing the upper waters of the Nile, above Khartoum, thus cutting the British line of communication between Capetown and Suez, and the powerful colonial power in France threatens to upset the Meline cabinet should it recede from this enterprise.

All the forces of General Sir William Lockhart, the British Commander on the Indian frontier have been withdrawn to the Bara valley for the Winter. Thus the largest and best equipped force ever assembled in India has failed and the whole work will have to be repeated in the Spring. About 1,400 officers and men killed or wounded, 85 000,000 rupes spent in loss, and British prestige weakened on the frontier, are the debits, against which a few mud huts and sangars blown up and probably several thousand natives killed are the only apparent credits.

Rumors, too precise to be guess work, are current to the effect that the Earl of Elgin, early next year, will retire from the vice royalty of India and be succeeded by Lord George Hamilton, whose Indian secretaryship will be filled by Lord Lansdowne, the present Secretary of State for War.

Lieutenant R. E. Peary, the American explorer, has taken the town by storm, though he arrived here unheralded. The newspapers, geographers and scientists are at his disposal. As a leading geographer said to a representative of the Associated Press: "Lieutenant Peary has won all our hearts by his modesty, courtesy and learning. We put him on the same plane as Dr. Nansen, and have the utmost confidence in his plans."

On Friday afternoon Col. Hay had a long conference with the Marquis of Salisbury at the foreign office on the subject of the Bering sea. The interview was amicable on both sides, but nothing definite was arrived at. Later in the afternoon Col. Hay and Mrs. Hay proceeded to Windsor, where they received special marks of attention. The United States ambassador and his wife dined at the Queen's table, Col. Hay sitting next to Her Majesty. She was most kind and cordial, the conversation lasting an hour. After dinner the Queen conversed with Mrs. Hay in the same cordial manner.

BERLIN, December 11.—The representative here of the Associated Press is informed that Prince Henry of Prussia, who has been appointed to the command of the German squadron on the coast of China, will visit Pekin, where the Chinese Emperor will receive him as an equal, an unusual honor. Prince Henry, it is announced, is the bearer of a message from Emperor William to the Chinese Emperor, in which is included a programme of Chinese reform.

Emperor William is going to Kiel on Tuesday to bid farewell to Prince Henry previous to the latter's departure for China. That evening there will be a grand dinner and ball at the castle, and all the officers who are going to China will be in attendance. His Majesty will accompany Prince Henry on board the Deutchland and through the Baltic.

It is reported that the Prince will utilize his stop at Plymouth in order to pay a farewell visit to Queen Victoria.

A rumor is current here that the Japanese minister says Japan will not object to the occupation of Kiao Chou bay by the German forces.

It was semi-officially announced to-day that the report that Germany would evacuate Kiao Chou bay for a coaling station in the Sam Sah inlet was unfounded.

PEKIN, December 11.—The German-Chinese difficulty is practically settled. The Germans refuse to discuss the occupation of Kiao-Chou bay; the Governor of Shan-Tung province has been removed from office, but will not be any farther degraded; no monopoly of mines and railroads is conceded to Germany, but that country is given preference. Finally the area immediately surrounding Kiao-Chou bay is set apart exclusively for Germany. China yields on all other points.

BERLIN Dec. 11.—The correspondent here of the Associated Press has ascertained from reliable sources several important facts. First, since Von Buelow has taken the foreign office the Emperor has not been permitted to meddle with foreign affairs. His majesty was only informed of each important step after it was taken. In other words the Emperor has "approved," not "directed." That the Emperor was not to interfere in foreign politics was made a *sine qua non* by Von Buelow before accepting office.

The second important news is the certainty that Russia will not tolerate a permanent occupation of Kiao Chou by Germany. The military attache of a big Power assures the correspondent of the Associated Press that secret information has reached here from St. Petersburg settling this point. He says Russia is now making preparations to that effect.

Information has reached the United States embassy to the same effect. It is understood, however, that Washington will interpose no obstacle to Germany's opening China to civilization.

The quick settlement of the Haytian trouble was received with satisfaction by the entire press and nation. The jingo and agrarian papers, however, again take occasion to preach the necessity of a settlement with the United States.

The *Deutsche Zeitung*, the main organ of the German Constitutional party, says, after a tirade of abuse of the United States for "intermeddling in Hayti," that it hopes Von Buelow "will draw appropriate conclusions for his future policy in regard to America, whose interferring insolence needs taking down."

In this connection, the remarks Emperor William is alleged to have made in conversation some time ago, to the effect that "this American meddlesome policy must cease or we will be obliged to teach them manners," and in which he pointedly referred to the necessity for a joint naval war against the United States, are freely circulating in diplomatic and political circles in Berlin.

There has been quite a change in the Reichstag's views on the naval bill, and it is now thought that, if the Government takes pains to conciliate the Centre with a promise of its influence to bring about the repeal of the Jesuit expulsion act, or a promise to favor the Catholic school pretensions, the measure may pass, although it is thought the septennate provision will have to be modified, which, it is believed, the Government is unwilling to do.

During the month of November sixty-eight Socialist editors were sentenced on the charge of *lese majesty*, or for insulting officials.

The Berlin butchers and meat dealers have passed a resolution requesting the Government to re-open the frontiers to meat imports and to severely restrict the traffic in American meat. They say 28 000,000 marks worth was imported in 1896 at prices which they cannot compete with.

CIVIL SERVICE OPPONENTS.

Republican Representatives Meet to Devise Means to Secure a Change in the Present Law.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

WASHINGTON, December 11.—A largely attended meeting of Republican Representatives in Congress was held to-night at the River and Harbor Committee room to devise means for securing a change in the present Civil Service law. About sixty members were present. It was noticeable, however, that Speaker Reed, Mr. Dingley and other leaders of the House did not attend.

As indicating the representative character of the meeting, it was stated that twenty-two States were represented, including fourteen chairmen of committees.

The discussion took a wide range but in the main was temperate and conservative. It was finally determined to name a committee to devise a plan of action, and the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the chairman appoint a committee of seven, the chairman of which shall be Representative Grosvenor of Ohio, with the chairman of this meeting as a member, who shall examine the bills pending before the Committee on Reform of the Civil Service and report to a subsequent meeting of this conference by bill or otherwise."

The chairman named the following committee: Grosvenor, Hepburn, Pearson, Tarsney, Evans, O'Dell and Steele.

The advisability of attacking the civil service items in the legislative, executive and judicial appropriation bill which will come before the House next week was discussed, but the consensus of opinion was against that course.

DESTRUCTIVE FIRE.

A Philadelphia Carpet Firm's Salesroom Destroyed—Other Buildings Burned—Loss Over $500,000.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

PHILADELPHIA, December 11.—Fire broke out shortly before 10 o'clock to-night in the six-story building Nos 809 and 811 Chestnut street, occupied by the carpet manufacturing firm of John and James Dobson as their wholesale and retail salesrooms. The fire started in the basement and quickly shot up the elevator shafts. By heroic work the firemen kept the flames confined within the walls of the Dobson building. The firemen were aided materially by the fire brigade of the Continental hotel, which is located directly opposite the Dobson store, and which brigade worked from the roof of the hotel. A general alarm brought every fire company in the city to the scene and at midnight all were at work playing streams into the seething flames in the center of the burned building and at that hour it was thought there was no further danger to the adjoining properties. General Manager Berry, of the Dobson carpet house, stated that the stock in the building would amount to about $500,000. The loss is total. The building was owned by the firm and was valued at about $60,000. The loss is fully covered by insurance.

Sharpless Bros.' large dry goods establishment adjoining the Dobson store on the east, sustained considerable damage by water, as did also the Commonwealth Title Insurance and Trust Company and William H. Hoskins, stationer, who occupied Nos. 813 and 815, respectively.

Sharpless Bros.' loss is estimated at $50,000, and the loss of Wm. H. Hoskins will reach about $25,000. Both firms are fully insured.

NEGRO RAVISHER KILLED.

Brutal Outrage at a Farm House Near Hannibal, Missouri.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

HANNIBAL, MO., December 11.—Bill Underwood, a negro recently released from the penitentiary, last night called at the home of Christian Pabst, a farmer living four miles southwest of here, and demanded money. Pabst refused and Underwood drew a revolver and made him lay down on the floor. He then pressed the revolver against Mrs. Pabst's temple and compelled her to bind her husband's arms and feet with twine. The brute then took her into another room and assaulted her. This morning she managed to elude him and ran to the house of her brother-in-law, Louis Pabst, a mile distant. Louis returned with a shot-gun. Underwood met and disarmed him and made him walk into the room where his brother Christian still lay bound. Louis suddenly made a bound for Underwood and after a scuffle secured the gun and a moment later the riddled corpse of the negro lay stretched on the floor. Mrs. Pabst may die.

MR. BRYAN AND PARTY.

The Famous American Making a Triumphal Journey Through Mexico.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

MEXICO CITY, MEXICO, December 11.—Mr. Bryan and party are making a triumphant journey throughout the country, stopping at the principal cities between the frontier and the capital, and everywhere the famous American is being treated with remarkable courtesy. At various of the State capitals the Governors have personally greeted the Democratic leader and he has been accorded exceptional facilities for seeing everything. He is expected to arrive here Monday night, when he will be escorted to the Hotel Sans, where luxurious quarters have been secured for him. He will be received at the railway station by Colonel Garza, of the President's staff.

THE MISSISSIPPI MURDERS.

Reports That a Wholesale Lynching is Taking Place in the Neighborhood.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

WESSON, MISS., December 11.—A gentleman named McBride, who left the scene of the murder of the Smith family, twenty miles east of here, at 2 o'clock this afternoon, has just reached here. Mr. McBride says a mob of 1,000 men has formed, and that a wholesale lynching is taking place in that neighborhood.

Rear Admiral Joseph F. Green, retired, died at Brookline, Mass., on the 9th instant.

RALEIGH NEWS BUDGET.

Tax Returns Giving the Auditor Trouble—Farmers Sowing Wheat—Adjutant General's Report—Spier Whitaker—Gilbert Ward, the Alleged Murderer.

[*Special Star Correspondence.*

RALEIGH, N. C., December 11.

The Auditor is having a lot of trouble with county officers, many of whom do not seem to be able to fill out the tax forms. In Buncombe county no return is made of corporations, hotels and other taxable property.

Farmers report that more wheat has been planted in Wake this year than has been the case in many years. The reports from over the State are that a heavy wheat crop is being sown.

Otho Wilson has gone to Washington. From there he ordered the subscription list of the *Hayseeder* by telegraph. The Rhamkatte statesman is up to some mischief.

The printers are now at work on the Adjutant General's report. Maj. Hayes and Col. Harrell have spent much time in the preparation of it.

The report sent out from Washington that ex-Judge Spier Whitaker is a possibility for the appointment of District Attorney of this district is not credited here. Judge Whitaker is certainly not a Republican and an out-of-line Populist. No one believes that he is in the race.

Sheriff Scott, who brought Gilbert Ward from Texas, says he does not think there was any necessity for the transfer of the prisoner from Wayne to Wake jail for safe keeping. Ward denies all knowledge of the murder of Mag Dinkins.

MRS. MCKINLEY STILL ALIVE.

But no Possibility of Her Living through Sunday.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

CANTON, O., December 11.—Dr. Phillips made probably his last call at the McKinley house to-night at 10:15. When he left he announced to the Associated Press representative that Mrs. McKinley was still living but was much weaker than when he saw her several hours before, or at any other time.

He said he thought she would die in the early hours of the morning but that there was a possibility of her living into Sunday but not of surviving the day. The President against resumed his vigil at the bedside, most of the others of the family retiring while the patient was resting quietly.

WARM WIRELETS

Schooner Agnes Quillian, Houston, from Smith Creek, N. C., to Baltimore, arrived yesterday at Norfolk.

The Turkish legation at Washington officially denies the report that an attempt was recently made upon the life of the Sultan.

The following named fourth class postmasters were appointed yesterday in North Carolina:—Culberson, J. W. Bailey; Dobson, Martha Norman; Garner, Sarah Graham; Hasty, T. L. Henley.

A dispatch from Bucharest says: A duel with swords has been fought between M. Lahovary, director of the *Independance Roumaine*, and M. Filipesce director of the *Epoca*, M. Lahovary was killed.

Judge Clyde at Waverly, Iowa, sentenced Delilah Falls, (who recently confessed to the murder of the elder Kern) and Will Kern, aged 20 and 17 respectively, to twenty and twelve years in the penitentiary.

The gunboat Newport, with the members of the Nicaraguan commission and a party of surveyors on board, arrived at Key West, Fla. The Newport will sail to-day for Greytown. All on board were reported well.

Ex-President Grover Cleveland arrived in Georgetown, S. C., yesterday morning. The party boarded the government launch Water Lily and left at once for the shooting preserves of General E P. Alexander at Ford's Point. They will spend about ten days in that vicinity.

Senator Mark Hanna, who has been suffering from an attack of influenza in New York, was much better yesterday. The Senator expects to call a in a specialist. One physician told him that he was not out of danger because an abscess might form in his head.

The close of the week in dry goods sees no change in the dullness prevailing. The influence of the reductions in wages to be made at Fall River has cast a gloom over the entire cotton goods division and manufacturers are awaiting with some anxiety the result of the work of the committee appointed two days ago.

A Word to the Boys.

If you have anything to do, do it at once. Don't sit down in the rocking chair and lose three-quarters of an hour in dreading the job. Be sure that it will seem ten times harder than it did at first.

Keep this motto: Be in time on small things as well as great. The boy who is behind time at breakfast and school will be sure to get left in the important things of life.

If you have a chronic habit of dreading and putting off things, make a great effort to cure yourself. Brace up! Make up your mind that you will have some backbone. Don't be a limp, jellyfish kind of a person.

Depend upon it that life is very much as you make it. The first thing to decide is, What are you going to make it?

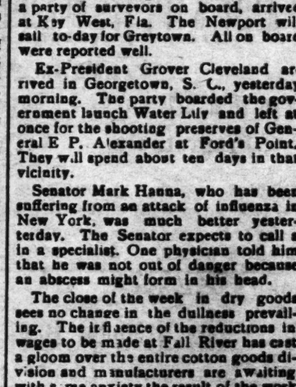
The next thing is to take off your coat and go to work. Make yourself necessary somewhere. There are thousands of boys and young men who wouldn't be missed if they would drop out tomorrow.

Don't be one of this sort.

Be a power in your own little world, and then, depend upon it, the big world will hear from you.—Our Sunday Afternoon.

A Girl Heroine.

This is the picture of Alice Ward, the 8-year-old daughter of Wilbur F. Ward of Ballard Vale, overseer in the weaving department of Bradley's mill, Lawrence. Al-



ice proved herself a heroine by rescuing Louisa Stretch, 10 years old, from drowning in the Shawsheen river. While playing tag on the ice, the ice broke beneath them. Alice coolly and bravely clung to the ice and her companion for ten minutes, when she was relieved by a party of skaters.—Boston Globe.

CASTORIA

For Infants and Children.

The fac-simile signature of Chas. H. Fletcher is on every wrapper.

Xmas Novelties and Toys.

We have an extra large stock this year and have not the room to carry them over, consequently will have to dispose of some before the Holidays are over. A word to the wise is sufficient.

MYERS & LEWIS,

de 12 tf N. E. Corner Front and Market Streets.

Seals, Stock Certificates,

Cancelling Machines,

R. R. Dating Stamps,

Rubber Type, Sign Markers,

Self inking Linen Markers,

Indelible Ink, Stamp Pads and Ink.

Wilmington Stamp Works.

WILMINGTON, N. C.

Bell Phone 840. de 12 tf

The weekly bank statement shows the following changes: Surplus reserve, decrease $3 335,525; loans, increase $9 981 300; specie, increase $906,900; legal tenders, decrease $403 800; deposits, increase $8 891,300; circulation, decrease $91 800. The banks now hold $16 887,425 in excess of the requirements of the 25 per cent. rule.

Bucklen's Arnica Salve.

THE BEST SALVE in the world for Cuts, Bruises, Sores, Ulcers, Salt Rheum, Fever Sores, Tetter, Chapped Hands, Chilblains, Corns, and all Skin Eruptions and positively cures Piles or no pay required. It is guaranteed to give perfect satisfaction or money refunded. Price 25 cents per box. For sale by R. R. BELLAMY.

BUSINESS LOCALS.

☞ NOTICES For Rent or Sale, Lost or Found, Wants, and other short miscellaneous advertisements inserted in this Department, in leaded Nonpareil type, on first or fourth page, at Publisher's option, for 1 cent per word each insertion; but no advertisement taken for less than 30 cents. Terms positively cash in advance

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For sale cheap—Fearless Bicycle, new tires, in perfect running order. Will sell for twelve dollars. Party going to leave city. Call at Wright's Bicycle Shop. de 8 dtf

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Dog Lost.—Red "Shepherd" Puppy, heavily marked with black on tail and neck. Answers to name of "Ponto" A reasonable reward will be paid for information that will lead to his recovery. Apply to Robert Lewis, 118 South Fifth street. de 10 3t

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Fresh Ground Graham Flour, Big Hominy, N. C. head Rice, choice Hay and all kinds of feed, Lowest prices Jno. S. McEachern. Bell Phone 28. Inter-State Phone No. 92. de 9 tf

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For sale—Five hundred thousand big Boston Lettuce Plants. J. F. Garrell & Co. no 28 tf

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Board—Good private board with or without lodging at 112 Grace street, near Front. dec 5 7t

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For best prices and prompt returns ship your Country Produce to M. C. Benson, 108 Dock street. Beef Cattle, Milch Cows and Pork a specialty. dec 1 tf

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Where can I ship country produce to the best advantage is a question that is puzzling you. Settle it by shipping to L. Tate Bowden, 6 Princess street. Careful handling and prompt returns. Eggs for the city trade. no 30 tf

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Country Merchants—You will find it to your interest to ship your Produce, Poultry, Eggs, etc., to H. J. Bierman, Produce Commission Merchant, 105 South Front street, Wilmington, N. C. nov 28 tf

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As a special the Atlantic Tea Co. will sell this week the best Old Government Java for 25c, and the best Leguayra Coffees for 20c per pound. Call and see them at 518 North Fourth street. nov 28 tf

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Wanted—By Old Established House—High Grade Woman, good Church standing, willing to learn our business then to act as Manager and State Correspondent here. Salary $900. Enclose self addressed stamped envelope to A. T. Elder, General Manager, care DAILY STAR. no 26 3t

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Hayden, F. Bro., has in stock buggies, road Carts and harness of all kinds. Repairing done by skilful workmen on short notice. Opposite new Court House. no 25 tf

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In case you need Bananas, Fine Peaches, Malaga and Catawba Grapes, don't hesitate a moment as to where they can be bought to best advantage. Go to Andrew Mavroulcholis', 705 North Fourth street. Bell 'Phone 346; Inter-State 191. nov 16 tf

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Costs you nothing to see the Maxim light. Cheaper and better than the Welsbach or Sunlight. What more do you want? Wilmington Iron Works sell it. nov 16 1m

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Merchants—Wholesale and country merchants save time and money by letting me parch your Peanuts. New process by which large quantities can be roasted at one time Samples sent if required. A. E. Blake, Wilmington, N. C. nov 7 tf

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Photographs—For finest quality, latest styles, best material, finest finish, lowest prices, call on U. C. Ellis, 114 Market street, Wilmington, N. C. Cloudy weather makes no difference. oc 29 tf

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W. V. Hardin, corner Second and Princess streets, fine Wines, Liquors, Cigars and Tobacco. New River Oysters in any style Polite and attentive clerks. Satisfaction guaranteed. oc 14 tf

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Always Reliable—The best and freshest goods at lowest market prices. Cabbage, Apples, Butter, Bananas, Crackers, Candies, Lemons, Potatoes, etc. Retailers will find it to their advantage to ask my prices before placing their order. A. S. Winstead, 115 Second street. Phone 208. nov 21 tf

Money to Lend.

THE FIRST INSTALMENT

OF THE EIGHTH SERIES OF THE

N. C. Home Building Association

is payable on SATURDAY, JANUARY 1st., and all who desire stock should secure it at once.

Any one desiring to borrow money on easy terms should avail themselves of this opportunity. Money lent either on Stock of the Association or Real Estate.

Frank H. Stedman,

dec 3 tf Secretary and Treasurer.

Just Received

100 Barrels Choice

New River Roe Mullets.

100 Bags Coffee, all grades.

For sale at rock bottom prices.

Send your orders to

SAM'L BEAR, Sr.,

12 Market St., Wilmington, N. C.

no 21 tf

Hamme, The Hatter,

THE OLD RELIABLE, IN THE LEAD with Hats, Caps and Umbrellas. Latest Styles and Lowest Prices. Don't forget him.

dec 5 tf 26 North Front Street.

Old Newspapers.

YOU CAN BUY OLD NEWSPAPERS, in any quantities to suit

At Your Own Price,

At the STAR Office.

Suitable for WRAPPING PAPER, and

Excellent for Placing Under Carpet.

Your Christmas Turkey

Should be tender and baked to a tune, your mince pie brown and flaky for your Christmas feast. If you haven't a satisfactory oven prepare before hand by getting one of our Christmas Steel Ranges, by far the handsomest and best Steel Range ever exhibited in this city. They are superior bakers, and you can depend upon your dinner being a success. It will save you more in fuel and spoiled victuals than you will have to pay for one.

Our Magic Air Tight is still leading all Sheet Iron Heaters Call and see our varied line of Brass Andirons, Graniteware, Oil Heaters, and a complete line of nice cutlery for the holiday trade.

J. W. Murchison,

Orton Building, Wilmington, N. C.

de 5 tf

WORTH & WORTH

OFFER FOR SALE

Finest Seed Oats

handled in years.

Flour, Bacon, Sugar,

Lard, Molasses,

MEAL, SALT, LIME, CEMENT,

Plaster, Hay, Corn, Hoop Iron,

OATS, RIVETS, GLUE,

Bagging and Ties

AT Low Prices.

no 7 tf Wilmington, N. C.

We Started Out

By selling Ice to the trade only, but we cannot refuse to respect the

WISHES OF THE PUBLIC.

We have decided therefore to furnish

Pure Crystal Ice,

delivered AT YOUR DOOR at the rate of 40 cents per hundred pounds in lots of 5 pounds and upward.

We can make it to your advantage to give us a share of your trade.

Respectfully,

The Wilmington Brewing Association.

☞ Get Ice tickets from the wagon or at its factory, corner of Dock and Water streets. no 17 tf

Liverpool and American

SALT.

Any weight sacks, coarse or fine, fresh packing. A large stock

Bagging and Ties,

which we offer at lowest market prices.

Groceries

in quantities sufficient to fill orders promptly. Correspondence solicited.

Hall & Pearsall,

Nutt and Mulberry streets.

au 10 DAW tf

Postum Cereal.

A toothsome and healthful beverage. Looks like ground coffee. When brewed it takes the beautiful deep seal brown color of Mocha and Java, changing to a rich golden brown when cream is added. An honest product of the healthful grains given by all wise nature for man's proper sustenance. It nourishes, strengthens and vitalizes.

For sale at the

UNLUCKY CORNER.

de 7 tf

Horses and Mules

25 Head of Horses.

25 Head of Mules.

Just received.

Call and examine. You will certainly find one to please you. Don't buy until you have seen this fresh new lot of fine stock.

F. T. MILLS,

nov 25 tf 120 and 124 North Water St.

The C. W. Polvogt Co.

No. 9 North Front St.

We Boast of the Greatest Values We Offer

Never More Worthy Than Now.

STORE NOTES.

In your thoughts on Lace Curtains? We can embody it for you here. Carpet stock now at its best! It's a busy spot at this writing. Got the parcel pack here always; go out to have it made your selections. Do you buy Linen Linings here? We're equipped to suit you satisfactorily. Linings at satisfactory prices. Here's a notion sat ribbing stock to be proud of. They're little things, but little things count in this shop.

WE'RE PROUD OF OUR KID GLOVE STOCK.

We never lose a customer who once buys Kid Gloves here. We sell more Kid Gloves than all the rest of Wilmington combined. There are, of course, reasons for all this. But we will only mention one of them to-day: Our Ladies' Do lar Kid Gloves. Lace and pattons all warranted.

JACKETS AND CAPES ALWAYS.

Quantities of them. Some going out; some coming in. We're cloak traders here from A to Z. Know when, where, what and how to buy; and best of all, know how to sell to the satisfaction of our customers, "no-profit-guaranteed" profits here; against our business principle. Fresh lots of to notch garments for you to pick from. Your dollars have great purchasing power in this store. $2.00 to $25.00.

HOSIERY AND UNDERWEAR.

We're busy in this stock nearly all the time; the department gets fresh impetus from such items as these. Some wonder how it's done; others wonder why it's done. The now and then new y matters it le. The fact of its being done is sufficient or money-saving buyers. The best 25 cents Hose in the city.

Sole Agents for the Standard Patterns and W B. Corsets. de 12 tf

TOYS, TOYS, TOYS.

BIG STOCK, LOWEST PRICES.

Endless Variety of Xmas Goods.

J. H. REHDER & CO.,

NEAR FOURTH STREET BRIDGE.

Bell Phone 118. Inter-State 218.

Car fare paid on purchases of $3.00 and up. de 12 tf

A. D. BROWN,

Successor to BROWN & RODDICK,

No. 29 North Front St.

"ONE PRICE TO ALL" has been our motto since 1865, and we attribute our success to the unswerving adherance to it. We will not break price for any one. Some times we have goods that stay too long with us and then we cut the price and offer them to every one at GREAT SACRIFICE.

A Few Specialties.

Crash Towelling worth 5 cents at 3 cents per yard.
Novelty Dress Goods worth 50 cents at 40 cents per yard.
Drap Ete Dress Goods worth $1.25 at $1.00 per yard.
New line Percales at 12½ cents per yard.

Christmas Goods.

Dolls, Dolls, Dolls, Bric a-Brac, Neckwear, Ladies' and Gents' Kid Gloves, Parasols and Umbrellas Call and see our line.

This Week

Gentlemen's heavy Grey Underwear worth $1 50, only 98c each.
Gentlemen's All Wool (light weight) Underwear in Ecru worth $1.25, only 98c each.
Ladies' light weight Vests and Pants, only 98c each.
Ladies' non shrinking Vests and Pants, Grey, only 98c each.
A good Cotton Carpet, yard wide, for 25 cents per yard,
Union Carpeting 35 cents per yard.
A good Brussels Carpet for 55 cents per yard. no 27 tf

J. A. SPRINGER & CO

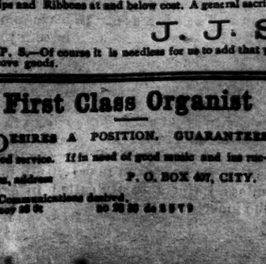
IF YOU WANT GOOD COAL.

If you want clean well prepared Coal.
If you want first-class service.
If you want to buy fuel of a concern that always tries to please.
If you want to trade with dealers who appreciate your business.
If you want to deal with a firm that always has the goods on hand.
If you want straight goods at straight prices and be treated right on four sides, then send your orders to the old stand.

J A Springer & Co

no 14 tf

FOR YOUR THANKSGIVING DINNER!



Good Coal and a well roasted Turkey are inseparable. You get your turkey and order the high grade, well screened BANNER or CALEDONIA COAL from our yard, and we will guarantee that if he is as tuff a gobbler as ever strutted through a barn yard Banner or Caledonia Coal will bake him tender. For sale by

Wm. E. Worth & Co.

Bell Telephones 64 and 94. Inter-State 146.

Campbell and Second street, Dock between Front and Water. no 21 tf

WITHIN THE PAST YEAR

The Wilmington Savings & Trust Company

Paid in interest to depositors $11,032 66. Did you get any of that money?

No better way of preparing for the "rainy day" than by systematically depositing in the

SAVINGS BANK.

Capital $25,000. Surplus $9.000.

de 5 tf

SLAUGHTER SALE

AT 18 MARKET STREET.

Red and White Flannels and All Wool Dress Goods at 10 Per Cent. Above Cost.

DRESS GOODS 40 INCHES TO 1¼ YARDS WIDE AT 20 CENTS PER YARD.

500 Pairs Children's Shoes—10s to 1s—positively at cost. Men's Hats at cost. Ladies' Hats, Feathers, Tips and Ribbons at and below cost. A general sacrifice of Under Clothing, Hosiery, Notions, Carpets Rugs.

J. J. SHEPARD.

P. S.—Of course it is needless for us to add that you will be the loser if you fail to call and examine the above goods. de 9 tf

First Class Organist

DESIRES A POSITION. GUARANTEES good service. If in need of good music and instruction, address P. O. BOX 407, CITY.

Communications desired. nov 28 tf 30 29 30 de 5 S T 9

For Rent.

HOUSE ON NINTH BETWEEN Church and Castle streets. Four rooms water and good yard room in rear.

D. O'CONNOR,

oc 7 tf